

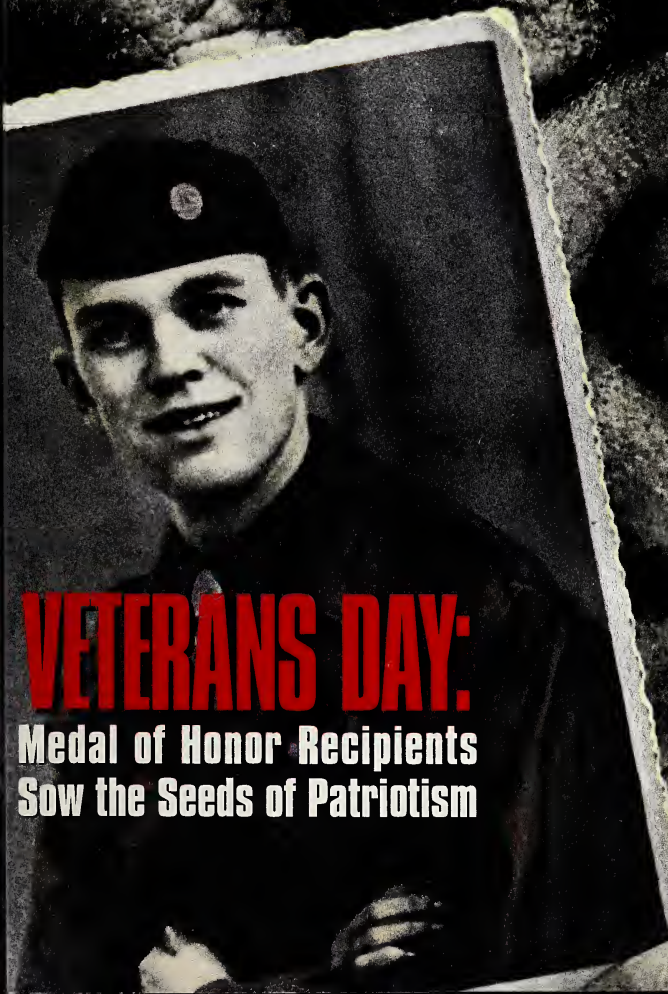
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WWII Tribute

Congratulations on your September Victory issue. In this era of political correctness generated by those gutless wonders in Washington, D.C., it is indeed refreshing to read your historical account of events which agree with the facts. As a veteran of World War II and the Korean War, I salute you on a job well done.

*Henry M. McCracken
Charleston, S.C.
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The photographs and artwork in the September issue are absolutely wonderful. It brought back many memories of my childhood. My dad and I would watch war movies together, and he would retell his experiences about his years in the service. Thank you for an extra special remembrance.

*Barbara Mars
Jackson, Tenn.*

I have never read a magazine from cover to cover, but I eagerly did just that with the September issue of THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE. What magnificent coverage in celebration of the 50th anniversary of our WWII victory!

This magazine will, I'm sure, be saved by many Legionnaires' families as a historical keepsake for future generations to enjoy.

*Adrian Nader
River Edge, N.J.*

The September issue brought back many memories. You and your staff are to be congratulated. If the magazine was sent to our high schools, perhaps the young men and women of today would realize what their grandparents went through during the war so they could live in peace.

*Peter T. Affatato
Elks National Veterans Service
Commission
Chicago*

Wonderful job! The stories in the WWII issue brought back many memories of my younger days and the time when all Americans, young and old, worked toward one objective. This edition is sorely needed in every

school library. It should be mandatory reading for every teacher.

Thanks again for such a fine souvenir to pass on to my grandchildren.

*Hal Miller
Fairborn, Ohio*

The "Haunting Recollections" letter in the "Victory Remembered" section of the September issue contained the following sentence: "It was fitting that when President Roosevelt announced Japan had surrendered, all the ships turned on their lights." It was President Harry Truman, not Roosevelt who made that announcement.

*William J. Carver
Jenison, Mich.*

Editor's Note: We regret not catching the error. Roosevelt, of course, had died several months before the end of the war.

Thanks to Truman

What an excellent article on President Harry Truman ("He Gave 'Em

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Hell," August by Philip C. Clarke). He stands along with Washington and Lincoln as one of our great Presidents. I would not be writing this letter if he didn't decide to drop the bomb.

*Bernard H. Schleiter
St. Paul, Minn.*

I have mixed emotions about Harry Truman. He undoubtedly saved many lives when he decided to drop the atomic bombs. On the other hand, Truman was the first American President to decide that we would fight and not win in a war. That decision resulted in a cold war that cost the American people billions of dollars.

We may yet pay dearly for some of Truman's decisions. I would think long and hard before considering him among our greatest Presidents.

*Claude E. Stewart Jr.
Vinton, Va.*

Truman and the United States put Germany and Japan on their feet at the end of World War II. Would the same helping hands have been extended to us by Adolf Hitler and the Japanese war lords had the situation been reversed? I think not.

Weep first, revisionist historians, for those gallant Americans who gave their lives so that you could practice your freedoms.

*Ed Mooney
Orleans, Mass.*

Smell Of Success

Cliff Kincaid's Washington Watch item "New World Odor" (August) is the kind of investigative reporting insight that makes the new AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE important to me.

*Frank Anthony
Windsor, Vt.*

Quarter Shot

"Marginal Thinking" (August, Washington Watch by Cliff Kincaid) seemed encouraged that three out of four Marines wouldn't fire on U.S. citizens who refused firearms confiscation. But I am a bit alarmed that one-quarter of the Marines surveyed would shoot!

Instead of sensitivity training and other politically correct garbage our

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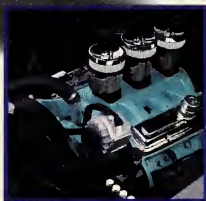
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government is teaching our young people in uniform, maybe they should be learning about the Constitution, especially the Second Amendment.

Arthur R. Cullen Jr.
Winchendon, Mass.

Veteran Frontier

Your magazine is very informative, but I've noticed one thing: All the ads are aimed toward men. Women are veterans, too. If you don't believe it, I'm a 12-year veteran on active duty in the U.S. Air Force—not Reserve or National Guard. Your magazine should have ads not just for the men but for women, too.

✓ Cynthia Everett
Douglasville, Ga.

Although I have only been a member of the Legion for a year, I am deeply impressed with its current members and leaders. I strongly feel that it is time for younger members to take the reins and lead the Legion into the path that former Legionnaires have carved.

There are many Persian Gulf veterans who need to step forward and show the pride they have for the United States. I am currently the sergeant-at-arms, the youngest officer of my Post, and I have found that younger views are greatly appreciated.

I hope other Legionnaires from across the country will share their opinions on this.

Tony Bennett
Douglasville, Ga.

Sub Sank Last

The article "USS Indianapolis Memorial To Be Dedicated" (July, Legion News) mentioned that the USS Indianapolis was the last ship sunk in World War II on July 30, 1945. The submarine USS Bullhead, with a crew of 84, was sunk on Aug. 6, 1945.

Robert A. Link
Absecon, N.J.

Editors Note: Some Navy people will say a submarine is not a ship, it's a boat. Perhaps the best way to resolve the issue is to say the USS Indianapolis was "the last U.S. surface ship sunk in World War II."

Grateful Graduate

Thank you for your article about the Boys State and Boys Nation programs ("The Leading Edge," Your American Legion, July). Through my experiences at Boys Nation and Nevada Boys State, The American Legion has changed my life. I now see my government in a whole new light and realize that American citizenship is, indeed, my most precious possession. When the Legion invests its time and money in such worthwhile programs, it tells the youth of this great country that they are the future. Since my experiences with the programs, my father has joined the Legion, and I have joined the Sons of The American Legion.

Craig Adams
Las Vegas

Flag Respect

When I was a young boy, I learned never to allow the American Flag to touch the ground. I have a long respect for the flag: My great grandfather was in World War I. It's a shame to ever allow the desecration of our national flag and to let others take advantage of our laws.

✓ Artie Edwards
Milford, Pa.

Radio Opinion

I was certainly impressed with the article, "Out-Rushing Rush" (June by Robert McGarvey). I have always maintained that racially based government programs that are designed to "level the playing field" or to teach specific cultures and languages are the most divisive road our country can take. It is also impossible to criticize these types of programs without being labeled a racist.

This article was precise and to the point. Keep up the good work.

James H. Hagen
Ashland, Wis.

Fire Starter

Although I certainly concur with William Jefferson's views ("Flag Amendment Is the People's Will," July), he erred in giving Justice Frankfurter credit for the phrase about falsely shouting "Fire!" in a crowded theater. Actually, the credit should go to Justice Holmes, a triple-Purple Heart

veteran of the Civil War in *Shenck v. United States*, 249 U.S. 47 (1919).

Michael H. Dougherty
High View, W.Va.

Weighty Matters

Except for calling atomic mass "atomic weight," the article, "The Manhattan Project," (August by Sid Moody) was very good. Too few citizens know what "mass" is. Mass is a quantity of matter. Weight is a force. We should also correct such misnomers as weightlifting to masslifting and paperweight to papermass.

Richard Carl Gerke
Sierra Madre, Calif.

More Mileage

Thank you for the article, "Going The Second Mile" (August by John Flanagan Jr.). I was privileged to be Operations Officer and one of the flight instructors at Holly Field, Florida Forward Air Controller training center from late 1965 until mid-1968. John Flanagan Jr. probably took his training with us.

Rolland S. Freeman
Longboat Key, Fla.

Security Question

The article "Storm Clouds Over the South Pacific" (July by Perry Wood) begs the question: Why did the U.S. Navy get into the business of helping already gluttonous oil companies protect their interest in non-U.S. vital-interest waters? What are we letting our armed forces get into? I cannot see 33 tiny islands or 12 oil rigs as being "vital" to our national security. I do not believe they are worth the life of even one sailor or Marine.

Rick Austin
Greeley, Colo.

Judging Juries

I was really impressed by the "Juries On Trial" interview with Stephen Adler (June). However, Adler didn't mention one aspect of the court system that has affected juries: plea bargaining. Plea bargaining should be allowed right up until the case enters the courtroom. Then it should be stopped and you get what the jury decides.

My reasoning for this is from per-
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Anderson looked at the child and replied: "I'm just sorry I have only one more arm to give for this country." In that moment, one youngster learned the true meaning of Veterans Day.

Retired Army Gen. Patrick Brady, president of the Congressional Medal of Honor Society, often reflects upon Anderson's story at this time of year. Brady, himself a Medal of Honor recipient, knows that combat is less about glory than about giving, less about public fanfare than quiet valor.

Indeed, if you talk with those who have been accorded the nation's highest tribute, they speak humbly of their sacrifices. The message that comes across is, they did what they had to do. So it is for all those who have known battle, from the most publicized general to the greenest private reloading his weapon in fear and anonymity at Iwo Jima or Chosin or Tam Ky.

We all did what we had to do. We watched war take its toll on our comrades, and ourselves. Throughout history, the men and women who followed America's causes overseas came back older—in years, yes, but also in spirit. Like Sid Butterfield, pictured on the cover of this month's issue, America's defenders went to battle full of youth and hope. They didn't always come back that way. Often, they didn't come back at all. Butterfield bid farewell to too many friends at Anzio in 1944.

But he persevered through the loss of life, and of innocence, because he kept faith in a higher purpose. That higher purpose is the hallmark of soldiering, a culture where love of country



Nat'l. Cmdr. Daniel A. Ludwig

comes before love of self, where patriotism is a way of life, not just a catchy slogan used by retailers to commercialize remembrances of our war dead.

Communicating this deep sense of patriotism to children has always been a particular challenge. Webster Anderson found his own special way of doing it. Fortunately, there are also some very important programs which today help open our children's eyes to the honor earned by America's veterans.

One of the brightest initiatives is Living Classrooms, sponsored by the Congressional Medal of Honor Society, the National Tree Trust and American Forests. The program calls for Medal of Honor recipients to talk to children and explain why service to our country matters. (See "A Time For Honor," Page 24.) These heroes replace the children's textbook lessons with vivid firsthand visions of war. They demonstrate that real people, like the kids' parents and grandparents, paid dearly for the freedoms we now enjoy.

Pride in America, sponsored by the American Defense Institute (ADI), is another program that teaches young

people about patriotism and respect for the military. In presentations made to thousands of high school students, ADI President Eugene "Red" McDaniel explains how courage and training enabled him to survive as a prisoner of war in Hanoi. He and other speakers teach young people "pride in themselves, their schools, their communities and their country."

American Legion national programs such as the National Oratorical Competition, American Legion Baseball, American Legion Boys State and the sponsorship of Boy Scout troops also play a significant role in equipping young people with principles that heighten awareness of Veterans Day.

At the Post level, Legionnaires across the country speak at school assemblies and talk to children about their wartime experiences. Post 11 in Pickens, S.C. sponsored a writing contest for high school students on Americanism and the U.S. Flag.

"I felt the loyalty of the men and women who have fought and have even given their lives for America," wrote Audrey Chavous in his winning essay. "I realize that from their sacrifices, we have freedom."

Educational programs are only part of the process of helping Americans discover the meaning of Veterans Day. Ceremonies, parades and memorials are also important to this effort. One of the most significant recent events was the dedication of the Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.

And yet, even as this long-overdue tribute was being celebrated, one could hear passersby wondering if there really had been a war in Korea. This suggests that discovering the meaning of Veterans Day is a process that must begin in the earliest years of school.

These lessons are essential building blocks for good citizenship, making Veterans Day a time to celebrate the contributions of the dedicated men and women of the U.S. military: people who did what they had to do. □

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SHOULD CONGRESS REPEAL THE BAN ON ASSAULT WEAPONS?

Rep. Jim Chapman (D-Texas)

As a former district attorney in East Texas, I know violent crime is the number one threat facing the American people today. I understand concerns about gun violence in our society. I supported the 1994 Crime Bill's efforts to restrict criminals' access to guns—but I had serious reservations about one of its provisions. It is a provision I am trying to change.

YES



Although I am a strong supporter of anti-crime initiatives, I cannot support legislation that does not have a significant impact on violent crime in our communities and neighborhoods, and that infringes on the constitutional rights of law-abiding Americans to keep and bear arms.

I oppose the ban on so-called assault weapons because it is a poorly crafted, symbolic gesture that has failed to make a meaningful contribution to reducing violent crime in our society. The legislation is well-meaning in its goal, but misguided in its implementation and ineffective in its results.

According to FBI statistics, fewer than 1 percent of violent gun crimes are committed using so-called assault weapons. The ban does not take into account a gun's firepower, firing speed, accuracy or lethality. Instead, the ban is based on superficial, cosmetic characteristics within a certain class of weapons.

According to a recent investigation by *60 Minutes*, manufacturers can evade the ban by making slight alterations to a weapon and changing its name. Enormous stockpiles of outlawed guns and ammunition clips have been built up to meet the demand the ban inadvertently created. When a law such as this has so many loopholes, when it becomes the object of disregard and derision, it clearly has failed in its intent.

The 1994 Crime Bill included the Chapman Truth in Sentencing Act, which provides funds to help states build the prisons that are needed to keep violent criminals behind bars—and off our streets—for the duration of their sentences. The Chapman Act was a central component of the Crime Bill's comprehensive package of crime-fighting tools, which include adding 100,000 new police officers, the "Three Strikes and You're Out" rule, the expansion of capital punishment and the Violence Against Women Act on domestic abuse.

Punishing criminals—not puncturing the Second Amendment—is the most effective means to combat gun violence. ☐

Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-California)



NO

In a recent fund-raising letter to its membership, the National Rifle Association (NRA) wrote that the assault weapons ban gives "jack-booted government thugs more power to take away our constitutional rights, break in our doors, seize our guns, destroy our property and even injure or kill us."

It accused the President of the United States of giving federal agents the go-ahead to intimidate, even murder law-abiding citizens. That's sheer nonsense. Such rhetoric only serves to fuel the hatred and volatility of extremist groups who stockpile military-style assault weapons and train to use these weapons against the federal government.

The ban is a reasonable, moderate approach to curbing the proliferation of military-style assault weapons. The legislation prohibits the future sale, manufacture and possession of 19 types of semi-automatic assault weapons and their copycat models. Only nine months old, it's already beginning to have an effect. Consider:

- Agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms confiscated some 260 illegally manufactured assault weapons in Texas and Arizona and closed down a clandestine assault-weapons and machine-gun factory.
- As assault weapons and ammunition clips wear out or break, they cannot be legally replaced.
- The measure has increased the cost of assault weapons that were in circulation before the ban, thus making it harder for people to buy them.

It will take more time before this legislation has its greatest impact. Yet Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole promised the NRA that he would make repeal of the assault weapons ban a legislative priority.

We have become an increasingly violent society. Arguments over parking spaces are settled by guns. Children go to bed each night to the pop-pop-pop of gunfire and wake up each morning only to walk through metal detectors before entering schools.

We must ensure that these weapons of war do not fall into the hands of grievance killers, juveniles, gang members, extremists, drive-by-shooters and the mentally unstable. And we must ensure that when these weapons are obtained and used by criminals, swift and severe punishment is guaranteed. ☐

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The First Family could be wiped out by a low-yield nuclear device small enough to be dropped into a trash can in the park opposite the White House. That's the expert opinion of Samuel Cohen, retired nuclear-weapons analyst and father of the neutron bomb.

Once denounced as the weapon that "kills people but leaves buildings standing," the neutron bomb was itself killed by President Carter, then revived by President Reagan, then killed again by President Bush.

Congress in 1993 nixed the development of low-yield nuclear weapons such as neutron bombs, and President Clinton recently declared a unilateral nuclear test ban, making their production impossible.

Not so in Russia, says Cohen, who describes a "red mercury" version of the concept with a kill range as limited as several hundred yards. Cohen believes the Russians are selling these weapons to Third World regimes and terrorists.

He tells THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE that the U.S. government is reluctant to face the reality of these low-yield nuclear devices, calling the topic "so secret and sensitive that no politician is willing to bring it out."

But sooner or later, Cohen was quick to warn, "one or more of these devices is going to go off and the world will never be the same."

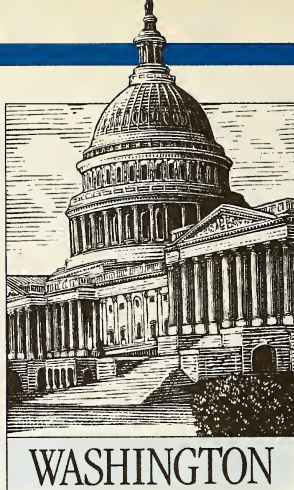
Not His Color

Interesting coincidence. Just as retired Col. Jim McCallum of the U.S. Army Peacekeeping Institute was making an appearance at a pro-United Nations conference in Washington, news broke that Specialist Michael G. New, an Army medic based in Germany, had balked at being assigned to a U.N. unit in Macedonia.

New, whose parents obtained legal counsel on his behalf, reportedly told his superiors, "I volunteered for the green team, not the blue team," a reference, of course, to the respective colors of the uniforms worn by the two sets of troops.

McCallum was reluctant to comment on the case, but he did say that many military members have served

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under U.N. command and that if New disobeyed a lawful order, he could be disciplined.

Military observers speculate that such a case, pertaining to U.S. troops in U.N. operations, could eventually end up going to the Supreme Court for a ruling.

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Like so many recipients of U.S. largesse over the years, the Chinese communists want our money and technology, but without strings.

As President Clinton met with Chinese officials last month to discuss Sino-American relations, Washington insiders were taking a second look at a little-noticed 1994 interview that visiting Americans conducted with Mo Xiu-song, Vice Chairman of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference.

Asked if the long-term goal of the Chinese Communist Party remained world communism, Mo replied, "Yes, of course, that is the reason we exist." So how did he explain China's newfound interest in capitalism? He said his nation is "experimenting" with economic reforms because China never went through a "proper stage" of capitalism before making its transition to communism.

Funny how many nations seem to like performing these little experiments with U.S. money....

Addicts Wanted

If you've been wondering why we have such a serious drug problem, part of the answer is that addiction pays. Literally.

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Worse, the Social Security Administration spends \$6 million annually to find new beneficiaries. One congressional staffer explained that government bureaucrats actually go to homeless shelters and sign drunks up for benefits.

Overall, SSI is spending \$25 billion a year, and apparently, a lot of what doesn't go to substance abusers goes to immigrants. The number of immigrants on the SSI dole could reach 2 million by the year 2000.

Few dispute the fact that the program is out of control. The issue is whether current attempts by Congress at "welfare reform" will be able to rein it in. Stay tuned.

Base Beat

The conservative Heritage Foundation has a lot of clout in the new Republican Congress, but its proposal for another round of base closings isn't going anywhere—yet.

In a major study, Heritage analyst Baker Spring insists there are as many as 80 uneeded bases still out there—the equivalent of "wisdom teeth" that have to go. Spring's most formidable argument is that the bases drain money away from the military when funds are needed for readiness.

He notes that the number of bases has declined by only 15 percent, compared to a 25 percent cut in personnel, and a 35 percent reduction in defense spending overall.

No word yet from House Majority Leader Dick Armey, who would be responsible for initiating any new cuts, now that the formal Base Closure Commission has disbanded. □

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VA CARE FOR WOMEN



WITH THE female composition of the active military at 12 percent and growing, women's health needs are increasingly an issue at the Department of Veterans Affairs. Of concern are the 37,000 women veterans of the Gulf War, who have given rise to the need to treat a diversity of physical and psychological problems.

In the past three years, VA has expanded women's health-care services under the Women's Health Programs Act of 1992. Most VA medical facilities provide complete physical exams, including breast and pelvic examinations, Pap smears and mammograms. (House Bill 882 aims to further improve mammography standards at VA hospitals.) Also offered are reproductive health care, such as birth control and menopausal treatment. Psychological counseling is available to women who were victims of sexual harassment or assault, or who are suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. According to VA, female veterans of the Gulf War report a higher incidence of sexual harassment and assault than women veterans of previous wars. Further, certain symptoms of Gulf War Syndrome are female-specific.

For more information on these health-care services, contact the women's veterans' coordinator at your regional VA medical facility, or call 1-800-827-1000.

MOVING MILITARY KIDS



MOVING from base to base comes with the territory for a member of the U.S. Armed Forces. But moving is especially hard on families with children. A few tips on the subject from Carolyn Becraft, the Defense Department's deputy assistant secretary for personnel support, family and education: "Children should feel centered in their family," she says. That means making kids feel secure—practicing the same family rituals in each new home, smoothing their adaptation to new friends and surroundings, and keeping them informed of impending, unavoidable changes.

Regardless of your children's ages, you should tell them as soon as you know about the move, Becraft advises. Gather information about the new location—the climate, the activities available, the new home and anything else likely to render the move less intimidating or stressful. "Make it a family project," advises Becraft. "Bring the children into the decision making as much as possible."

Also, try to make the move itself fun. Add some incentives, such as a special outing or a stop at an amusement park along the way. A little bit of planning can transform a traumatic event into something far more pleasant for children.

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Retirees should also base their moving decisions on the location's cost of living; health-care costs; state taxes on military pensions and social security; sales and property taxes; public transportation and access to commissaries.

In any case, don't make the mistake of substituting nostalgia for planning. A common mistake, says Lee, "is for military retirees to move somewhere they remembered being happy [but] that today has very few job opportunities."

To see how well a particular state fits your retirement needs, order an NBEW cost of living report by calling 1-800-730-1111 and asking for story No. 51 (\$3.95 by mail or \$5.95 by fax.) For more information, visit your local library's reference desk or call your state's Department of Revenue.

IN THE NEWS



THE Pentagon's Persian Gulf Veterans Illnesses Task Force has estab-

lished an internet site, GulfLINK, at <http://www.dtic.dla.mil/gulfink>.... For information about VA benefits and the services available to Gulf vets, call VA at: 1-800-749-8387.... DoD has set fees for family medical care through its new ARE PRIME Health Benefit Plan. Call the Office of Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services, 1-303-361-1088.... The military's "number one shortfall"? Detecting biological or chemical warfare agents, says a new DoD report.... Government spy-hunters may be snooping into the personal finances of more than 1 million military men and women.... No females to serve on subs, says the Navy.... The Air Force soon may adopt a policy of encouraging personnel to seek mental-health counseling without retribution.... Beginning this month, the limit for one day's travel between duty assignments drops from 525 to 400 miles.... U.S. aerospace companies can't afford to show off high-tech armaments at all the European air shows anymore, announced the Aerospace Industries Association.... Drawdown blues: The Air Force Office of Scientific Research is considering giving troops an anti-Alzheimer's drug to enhance memory and concentration. The hope is that fewer troops can do more tasks. □

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HAWAIIAN HEAT



PITCHING PRIDE—Aiea, Hawaii, shut out opponents three times to win the championship.

• This year's American Legion World Series featured fabulous firsts, fantastic finishes and fond farewells.

By T. Douglas Donaldson

SHHHH! It's those quiet guys from Aiea, Hawaii. Without much fanfare—but with much airfare—they flew into Fargo, N.D., on Aug. 23 for The American Legion World Series. Later, flying much higher, they returned home as the 1995 American Legion Baseball champions.

"We ran into a buzzsaw," said manager Rob Reese of the Bellevue, Wash., team Aiea defeated on Aug. 29. That buzzsaw was Aiea pitcher Jason Adaro, who shutout Reese's team, 2-0, in the championship game. The normally hard-hitting Bellevue team got just four

hits off Adaro, who turned in a masterful performance by striking out eight and walking none.

But Bellevue shouldn't feel so bad; the teams who faced Adaro along the path to Fargo suffered similar fates. He pitched two shutouts in the World Series, taking a no-hitter into the sixth inning of the first game. Adaro's pitching prowess and his series-leading .488 batting average were more than enough to earn him recognition as The American Legion Player of the Year.

"This is like a dream," said an elated Adaro. Opponents may find this hard to believe, but he had been hampered by a pulled hamstring since the Hawaii Legion tournaments three weeks earlier.

"Losing the first game of the regional tournament was a wake up call for us," said Aiea manager Alan Higuchi, who credited his team's success to versatility. Most of his players were able to play several positions.

Although Aiea became known for its quiet professionalism on and off the field, some 20 supporters and family members cheered loudly behind the Aiea dugout. The Hawaii fans had traveled more than 3,800 miles and felt the "dry" heat during Las Vegas regionals before the cooler climes of Fargo.

Leon and Alicia Bartley, parents of Aiea pitcher Delane Bartley, had even a longer journey to Fargo. After the Las

Vegas regional, they got on a plane in Los Angeles to return to Hawaii. But when their plane experienced problems and they had to turn back, they decided to attend the Series after all.

"He's our son, and our place is here," says Leon, who beamed after the young Bartley earned the win to put Hawaii in the championship game.

Despite their loyal support, the Aiea families hadn't expected their team to go all the way. When they arrived in Fargo, they had to quickly stock up on long-sleeve shirts, sweatshirts and socks. Stan Tanouye, father of pitcher Bryan Tanouye, said it was also tough being five time zones away from home.

For the Aiea team, this year's American Legion World Series was indeed a tournament of alohas—helllos and good-byes. It was the first time an Aiea team had been to the Series. And for many of the players on the team, it was the last time they would play together. Within days after the tournament, they were off to various schools thousands of miles away from each other.

"These guys have played with each other ever since they've been five years old," says Francis Nakamura, Shawn Nakamura's mother. In fact, infielder-outfielder Kevin Bagoyo and pitcher Shawn Nakamura were teammates in the 1988 Little League World Series championship game in Williamsport, Pa.

"We're going our different ways now," said Bagoyo. "But this is a good way to end it."

World Series teams and records:

Aiea, Hawaii (4-1); Bellevue, Wash. (4-2); Osseo, Minn. (3-2); Columbia, Tenn. (2-2); Rapid City, S.D. (1-2); Portland, Maine (1-2); Starkville, Miss. (0-2); Waldorf, Md. (0-2).

Individual awards:

George W. Rulon American Legion Player of the Year and a \$2,000 Gatorade Scholarship—Jason Adaro, Aiea, Hawaii

James F. Daniel Sportsmanship Award—Woody Heath, Bellevue, Wash.

Jack Williams Memorial Leadership Award—Manager Alan Higuchi and coaches Garrett Nago and Garrett Yukumoto, Aiea, Hawaii

Louisville Slugger Batting Award (best batting average)—Jason Adaro, Aiea, Hawaii (.488, 21 for 43)

Bob Feller Pitching Award (most strikeouts)—Woody Heath, Bellevue, Wash. (48).

Irvin L. "Click" Cowger RBI Award (most RBIs)—Bobby Morgan, Columbia, Tenn., and Dom Crispo, Bellevue, Wash. (15).

Rawlings Big Stick Award (most total bases)—Jason Adaro, Aiea, Hawaii (29).

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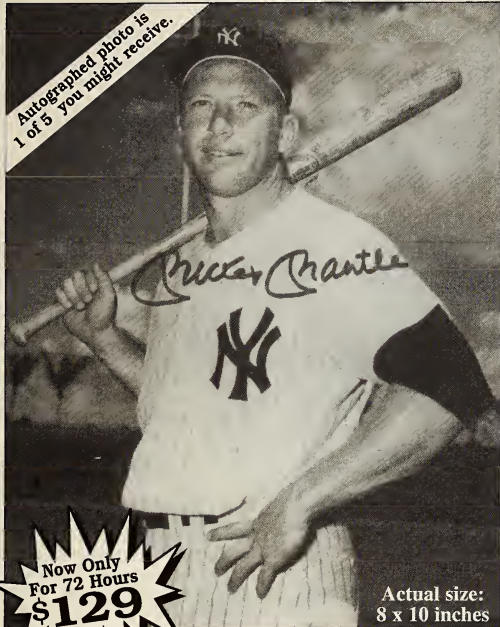
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

• *The way things are
going, there may
be no military
hardware left by the
time we need it.*

By Evan S. Baker

LAST YEAR when President Clinton submitted the fiscal year 1995 budget to Congress, he included a future-years defense plan (FYDP) to buy 237 Navy aircraft and 54 ships—22 new ones and 32 conversions—during fiscal years FY 1996 through FY 1999.

Now, just one year later, the President has given Congress a new FYDP for the same period, asking for only 211 aircraft and 41 ships—15 new ones and 26 conversions.

That's 26 aircraft shot down and 13 ships sunk without any declaration of

war and without a shot having been fired in anger.

For each of the next two fiscal years, the administration has requested funding for only three new-construction ships—the lowest ship-procurement level since the end of World War II.

In a report prepared for Sen. John McCain of Arizona, an all-service panel of retired four-star officers pointed out that, under the Clinton plan, "it will take over *one hundred years*" [their emphasis] to replace the Navy's current active fleet, "assuming the average life expectancy of a ship to be 30-35 years."

Procurement of military aircraft also is at historically low levels, McCain was told. The total funded for the current fiscal year, FY 1995: Twenty-eight aircraft.

The overall procurement picture will get worse before (if ever) it gets better. Significant increases in procurement funding are projected for the out-years of the current FYDP, but as we have seen almost every year for the past decade, the out-years have a way of slimming down considerably by the time they become current-year bud-

gets. Except in time of war, they are always billions of dollars lower than originally projected.

In any case, DoD's out-year promises can't be used by industry to meet this year's payroll, or to keep one-of-a-kind production lines open, or to buy parts and components from suppliers. When the contracts aren't there, businesses downsize. And they do it by shutting down production lines, closing facilities and laying off workers.

Highly skilled workers, for the most part. U.S. aerospace employment has dropped by more than 350,000 since 1989. In 1993, the latest year for which final statistics are available, they dropped below the one-million mark for the first time since 1978, according to the Aerospace Industries Association. Shipyard employment also is down precipitously. Hundreds of thousands of workers have been laid off in recent years, according to the Shipbuilders Council of America.

The picture is equally grim throughout this nation's entire defense industrial base.

The Defense Department has cut back, as well. DoD civilian employment has been reduced by more than 250,000 since FY 1987, and the services have cut an estimated 700,000 billets during the same time frame. The collective cutback—DoD and the private sector combined—is now conservatively estimated at over 2 million jobs.

What is particularly difficult to understand is that the announced intent of the procurement cutbacks and reductions in force was to reduce the budget deficit.

But what has happened is: For every dollar cut from defense, two dollars have been added to the budget for domestic programs.

This is not good economics, and it is not militarily prudent, either. Apparently to avoid criticism for having cut defense too much and too fast, the administration has decided to focus on near-term readiness, but at the expense

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SHOT DOWN—Procurement of military aircraft is at historically low levels. The total funded for the current fiscal year is 28.

of the procurement, RDT&E (research, development, test and evaluation), and other DoD budget accounts. As Sen. McCain and his four-star advisers pointed out, though, adequate procurement is essential to force modernization, which is the key to mid-term readiness, and RDT&E is the key to long-term readiness.

What we are doing, therefore, is robbing the future readiness accounts to pay for current readiness, a policy that if carried out indefinitely would bankrupt us economically as well as militarily.

It's time to call a halt to this policy, and to at least begin to restore the traditional balance between current readiness and future readiness.

If we do not provide for mid-term readiness through force modernization and for long-term readiness through a vigorous RDT&E program, we will soon find ourselves—as is pointed out rather emphatically in the McCain report—"facing an insurmountable bill to replace entire inventories of aging equipment with an industrial base unprepared for the task."

There is no easy and low-cost solution to this problem. But it must be faced. Not next year, or the year after, but now.

The real bottom line is simply this: Unless our national security is the number one priority, all other priorities may be just wishful thinking. □

HAWAIIAN HEAT

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GAME BY GAME SUMMARIES

Here's how the eight teams fared in the ALWS double-elimination tournament.

Game 1	Portland, Maine	9
1	Osseo, Minnesota	1

TORRENTIAL rains drenched Jack Williams Stadium the night before the tournament, delaying the opener for three hours. Once the skies cleared, Portland was ready. First baseman Kevin MacDonald collected four of the team's 16 hits, while hurler Jerrell White allowed only one run in seven innings.

Game 2	Aiea, Hawaii	2
2	Waldorf, Maryland	0

IN A classic pitchers' duel, Hawaii hurler Shawn Nakamura threw a shutout, allowing just eight hits and no walks. Hawaii third baseman Davey Meguro hit a solo home run in the sixth inning. Hawaii's second run scored on a bad-hop single, a sacrifice and a throwing error.

Game 3	Columbia, Tennessee	8
3	Starkville, Mississippi	7

THROUGH six innings, Columbia had an 8-2 lead, shortstop Bobby Morgan's two homers tying an American Legion World Series record. Starkville batted around in the eighth, scoring four runs as six straight batters reached base.

Game 4	Rapid City, South Dakota	3
4	Bellevue, Washington	4

RAPID City erased a 3-0 deficit with a four-run outburst in the eighth inning. The rally was capped by shortstop Mark Ellis' double, driving in the tying and winning runs. Bellevue had the tying run on base with none out in the ninth inning, but pinch hitter Pete Lucarelli grounded into a double play and the next batter grounded out.

Game 5	Osseo, Minnesota	4
5	Starkville, Mississippi	2

OSSEO eliminated Starkville behind the pitching of Matthew Erickson, who went the distance, striking out 10. Starkville's shortstop Unterrio Givens hit a solo home run.

Game 6	Bellevue, Washington	7
6	Waldorf, Maryland	6

THE GAME featured ninth-inning dramatics from Bellevue left fielder Dom Crispo, whose bases-loaded single drove in the winning run. Bellevue's Mark Thomas had hit a pinch-hit grand slam to tie the game at 5-5 in the fifth inning. The loss eliminated Waldorf.

Game 7	Columbia, Tennessee	6
7	Portland, Maine	2

COLUMBIA shortstop Bobby Morgan hit his third home run of the series. Columbia pitcher Derrick Truitt threw a complete game, giving up two unearned runs and allowing only four hits.

Game 8	Aiea, Hawaii	3
8	Rapid City, South Dakota	0

HAWAII pitcher Jason Adaro had a perfect game through 6 1/3 innings until South Dakota's right fielder Jeremy Wagner singled. Adaro went the distance, allowing only two hits and one walk.

Game 9	Bellevue, Washington	11
9	Portland, Maine	1

PORTLAND pinch hitter Greg Marsh spoiled Washington pitcher Bradley Tercero's no-hitter in the seventh inning. Washington's infield committed four errors behind Tercero. Maine was eliminated from the tournament with the loss.

Game 10	Osseo, Minnesota	4
10	Rapid City, South Dakota	3

THIRD BASEMAN Kyle Winberg's home run in the eighth inning provided the winning margin for Minnesota. In the ninth inning, Rapid City had the tying run on third with only one out, but failed to score. The loss eliminated Rapid City.

Game 11	Aiea, Hawaii	3
11	Columbia, Tennessee	2

THE GAME was a tense pitchers' duel between Hawaii's Delane Bartley and Tennessee's Robert Morgan. In the bottom of the ninth, with the score tied 2-2, Tennessee relief pitcher Kelly Bratton walked the bases loaded. Tennessee brought in another reliever, Torey Caulfield, but catcher Benjamin Bell allowed a passed ball and the winning run scored.

Game 12	Bellevue, Washington	16
12	Columbia, Tennessee	9

IN THIS back-and-forth slugfest, the Washington team hammered out 16 hits including a home run from catcher Burke Eathorne, who also tied a Series record by scoring five runs in one game.

Game 13	Osseo, Minnesota	10
13	Aiea, Hawaii	0

IN A GAME shortened to seven innings by the 10-run mercy rule, Osseo pitcher Kyle Winberg threw a shutout, scattering six hits and one walk. His catcher, William Lockwood, homered in the second inning.

Game 14	Bellevue, Washington	3
14	Osseo, Minnesota	2

IN A TIGHT game that went 14 innings, Bellevue's Michael Wirrick scored on a sacrifice fly by Dom Crispo. Bellevue pitcher Woody Heath threw nine innings, allowing no earned runs and striking out nine. Osseo was eliminated with the loss.

Game 15	Aiea, Hawaii	2
15	Bellevue, Washington	0

IN THE championship game, Aiea pitcher Jason Adaro threw the Aiea team's third Series shutout, allowing four hits and walking none. Aiea's runs came in the first. □

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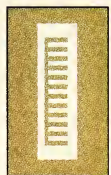


VETERANS DAY

A TIME FOR HONOR

Across the nation, America's Medal of Honor recipients are talking to our children about patriotism.

BY Miles Z. Epstein



IT WAS 24 years ago that Brian Thacker had a brief glimpse of hell. That was the day North Vietnamese rockets, grenades, flame-throwers and automatic weapons zeroed in on him as he directed U.S. air strikes against the enemy.

Alone with only his M-16 rifle, he provided cover fire for his withdrawing troops, then called "friendly artillery fire on his own position" to allow his men more time to escape. Thacker's actions that day earned him the Medal of Honor—the nation's highest decoration for valor in combat, which has been awarded to just 3,401 individuals since the Civil War.

Today, the medal is usually buried away among his socks in his dresser. It's neither an act of disrespect nor a political statement. It's just that, that was then and this is now. You've got to get on with your life, he feels.

"Nobody was over there to win awards. I was unremarkable," says the unassuming Thacker, referring to those four hours in Vietnam that would forever rank him among the bravest of the brave.

Miles Z. Epstein is managing editor of THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE.

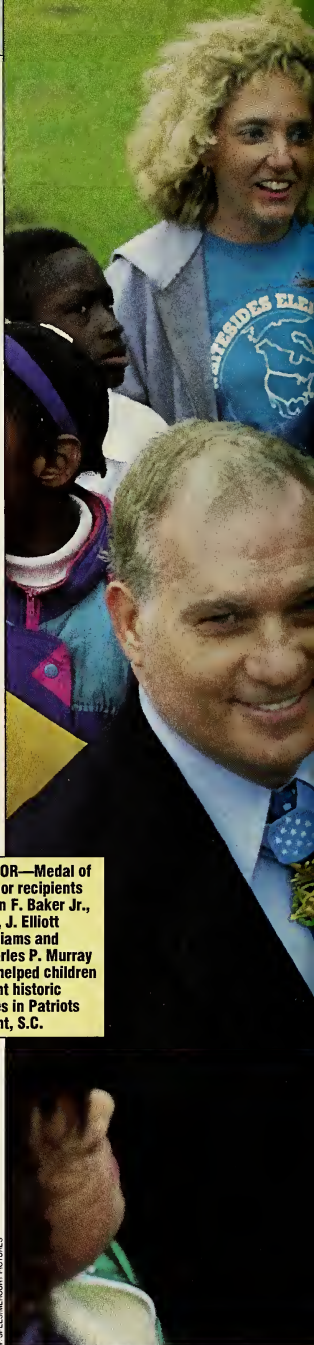
Thacker's Medal of Honor does come out of the dresser drawer on occasions, however, especially when he speaks to schoolchildren on Veterans Day and at other special events. Like many of his fellow medal recipients, Thacker uses it as a teaching tool when he talks about patriotism, citizenship and honor during the "Living Classrooms" program.

Launched in 1994 by the Congressional Medal of Honor Society, the National Tree Trust and American Forests, the program encourages children to plant historic trees in honor of America's Medal of Honor winners. The trees are descendants of famous ones such as those that stood at Gettysburg or on the historic grounds where George Washington lived.

"A lot of children don't know why wars are fought," says S. Michael Williams, director of the Congressional Medal of Honor Society. "This program teaches them that we don't fight because we hate people. We fight to preserve our way of life and to protect their freedoms."

That message, says Williams—a member of Post 179, Charleston, S.C.—is delivered in speeches by Medal of Honor winners such as Brian Thacker each time a Living Classroom

VALOR—Medal of Honor recipients John F. Baker Jr., left, J. Elliott Williams and Charles P. Murray Jr. helped children plant historic trees in Patriots Point, S.C.



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LESSONS—Just as Veterans Day services like this one in Florence, Ala., top right, help Americans remember the sacrifices of their fighting men and women, the Living Classrooms program is making schoolchildren aware of the bravest of the brave, such as Korean War Medal of Honor recipient Ola L. Mize, above.

is conducted. During the program, the children plant 21 trees, the number symbolic of the highest military honor—the 21-gun salute, traditionally reserved for the President and other heads of state. According to American Forests' Jeff Meyer, the project director, the classrooms come alive with war stories, while the tree

planting demonstrates the patience and discipline that patriotism often demands.

Retired Army Gen. Patrick Brady, president of the Congressional Medal of Honor Society and a member of Post 800, Idyllwild, Calif., frequently visits schools to participate in the

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Bowling

ALONE

We are becoming a nation of loners. This expert explains why Americans are turning to TV instead of each other and what can be done to reverse the trend.



PHOTO BY FREDERICK BLACK STAR



AMERICA has always been a nation of joiners. As far back as the 1830s, Frenchman Alexis De Tocqueville wrote, in *Democracy in America*, that what most made America different from European countries is our propensity to form ourselves into community groups.

But are we still a nation of joiners? "The statistical evidence is plain," warns Harvard professor Robert Putnam, who was summoned to Camp David to brief President Clinton on these trends after Putnam's essay, "Bowling Alone," appeared in the *Journal of Democracy*.

"Fewer of us are joining groups. We are a less trusting people than we were, and we are an unhappier people," says Putnam, director of the Center for International Affairs at Harvard. Still, Putnam does not leave us without hope. In this exclusive interview with THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE, he offers a number of insightful ideas on how we can get out of this fix—ideas that may well serve The American Legion as it wrestles with its own membership issues.

AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE: Why is participation in civic groups important to a democracy?

ROBERT PUTNAM: Belonging to these groups trains us in what De Tocqueville called "the habits of the heart," which are essential skills in making democracy work. In civic associations you learn about responsibility by stating your views while defending the rights of others to express theirs. You learn about cooperating with others to solve shared problems. You can learn these skills in such groups as the Boy Scouts, a garden club or The American Legion.

In a democracy we also have to trust other people to help us run our communities, and we develop that trust when we are connected with others in groups. Look around the world; the places where democracy works are countries where people trust one another. When people don't trust one another, it is much harder to make democratic institutions work—as we see in Russia, for instance.

Q. I take it you mean certain types of groups. After all, the recent tragedy in Oklahoma City taught us that not every group is always good for society.

A. Inner-city gangs are another case of the same phenomenon. What these groups show is that there can be connectedness in a group, but the effects on the community are negative. Other groups, however, benefit the wider community. They do it indirectly by fostering a greater sense of community among members and they do it directly by holding parades, helping disaster victims, sponsoring library fund drives. And it is participation in these groups that is falling.

For instance, Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) members are down from 12 million in 1964 to 7 million today. The League of Women Voters is down by 42 percent since 1969. Since 1979, the Shriners are down 27 percent; the Jaycees, 44 percent; and the Elks, 18 percent.

Q. You say that bowling league membership has fallen sharply, but we are bowling more. What gives?

A. Between 1980 and 1993 the number of bowlers in America increased 10 percent, but league bowling decreased by 40 percent. Obviously I don't think the fate of the American republic turns on whether or not we belong to bowling leagues, but this shows that we are not just less connected with one another in "do-gooder" groups—Red Cross, PTA—we are also less connected in *lots* of ways.

Q. Aren't we joining new groups though? For instance, witness the phenomenal growth in the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)?

A. Mass organizations that don't have a local base aren't the answer. Don't think I'm dumping on AARP. I belong, as do 33 million other Americans. The problem is that none of us know one another. Belonging to AARP means the 35 seconds each year it takes me to write a check. My only connection is with the mail box. Much the same is true for other mass organizations, from the Sierra Club to the National Rifle Association. These groups are mailing lists, not settings in which we connect with others.

Q. What about the self-help groups? We hear claims that as many as 40 percent of adults are involved in such programs.

A. I am skeptical of those numbers. Beyond that, these support groups aren't the equivalent of the PTA or Rotary, groups that create a sense of caring and do things

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HIGHLIGHTS

Robert Putnam On...

Trusting each other: "We have to trust each other to solve joint problems. Where do we learn trust? In civic associations, from garden clubs to The American Legion. But this is a generation that bowls alone. We are not joining groups, and that is troubling for our country's future."

TV's Influence: "Each hour you sit in front of a TV increases your chances of not being connected with others."

The two-career family: "Our mothers were doing really productive things although they weren't working outside the home. Over the past generation we have taken one-third of all adults in America off the task of social connectedness and put them on other tasks in the workplace. But nobody is doing the things our mothers did."

BORROWED TIME

By Jimmy L. Emory



AS WE WALKED down the trail leading off the hill where our battalion command post was, I couldn't help wondering if it would be my time to get it. I had served 12 months and three weeks of my 13-month tour, and by all rights, I knew that I shouldn't have even been on this patrol.

It was policy that your last couple weeks in Vietnam could be spent in the rear area. That meant no night ambushes, no out-post assignments, no operations, no patrols. Yet here I was, along with four other Marines who were due to rotate back to the States in less than a week. Here I was, going down that damn hill one more time.

Earlier, the five of us had gone to our new platoon commander and expressed our reservations. He was a second lieutenant who had just arrived in-country a few days before. He gave us the usual gung-ho speech about how it was our patriotic duty. Besides, he said, he would not have told us to go if the unit weren't so badly undermanned. We didn't buy his bull. We knew he was a new guy without any combat experience. Those types always seemed to have an easy time ordering the rest of us out into the darkness of the jungle, where there were so many ways to die.

One of the guys laid it on the line. "Look, sir," he began, the rest of us glancing nervously back and forth between him and the "90-day won-

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borrowed time.'**

der." "That's easy for you to say now. But after you've dodged bullets for 13 months I'd like to see how you feel *then* about living on borrowed time."

I winced, realizing the lieutenant wouldn't take the remark kindly. Not only did he probably feel we were ganging up on him, but—being a "boot"—he most likely felt we were talking down to him. After all, we seasoned veterans standing before him had experienced what he had only heard about. And now we were challenging his authority.

THE VEINS in his forehead stood out as he squeezed his hands into fists. "Get out of here, all of you!" he yelled, his voice growing louder and more forceful with each word. "You'll either go on this patrol or I'll have you court-martialed for disobeying an order in combat!"

We looked at one another. A lot was at stake here. All of us had commendable records and we were only days away from going home. We bowed to his threats and decided to gamble with the fate he had willed us.

No sooner had we assembled with the rest of the patrol than we realized

the gamble would be even bigger than we first anticipated. We were a platoon of only about 30 men embarking on a mission designated for a reinforced platoon of about 55. The odds seemed to be getting worse all the time.

We moved northeast through old familiar terrain—across the stream, through the woods, past rice paddies and over the ridge into the valley. This, we knew, was where we would encounter our first enemy—the leeches of what was known as Leech Valley. Here you could find leeches of all shapes and sizes—or more precisely, they would find you. They were in the trees, they were on the ground, they were in the puddles of water which seemed to be about every 20 feet or so. Once you got to the other side of the valley you could look forward to a five-minute break in which you checked your body for leeches. The standard rule of the valley was, *Don't stop for anything*. If you paused even for a moment you'd just get that many more of the damn critters on you. They'd crawl up your legs. They'd drop down from the branches. They were everywhere—like a horror movie and you're in it.

On this trip I was fortunate to find only one leech on me; the blessed thing had crawled under my helmet and lodged in my hair. I couldn't help laughing to myself: It was like they knew I was a short-timer and were giving me a break on this trip since they'd nailed me on so many others. Another member of the patrol, Hammons, wasn't quite so fortunate. I heard him hollering and ran over to him as a corpsman knelt beside him.

The corpsman removed a total of 10 leeches from the most private of
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Jimmy L. Emory served as a lance corporal with Bravo Co., 1st Bn., 5th Marines, during the Vietnam War.



A Gift FOR BUSINESS

Holiday season is now upon us, and these tips will teach you how to choose the right present, how to deal with the wrong one, and other fine points of gift-giving protocol.

By Robert McGarvey

THE FIRST fact about holiday gifts in business is that most of us have to do it. Companies are social organizations, and Scrooges never top the popularity poll.

Still, despite this tradition's ubiquity, "so many of us make big mistakes when it comes to business gifts," says Shirley Willey, head of Etiquette & Co., Sacramento, Calif.

The secret to the mastery of business gifting lies in knowing what not to do. "This is a business act," says Willey, and when we forget that, it's easy to stumble into blunders that won't be forgotten.

What communications consultant Gilda Carle can't forget is the time a male co-worker gave her a negligee: "I was shocked," says Carle. "But the man's fiancée was more shocked." This extreme case underlines a crucial caveat: Never give business gifts that are too personal. "So much can be read into a gift," says Carle of Yonkers, N.Y.

What's too personal? "Fitted clothing—jackets, skirts and the like—isn't right for business gifting," says Joyce

Grillo, president of the New York-based Impression Management. Lines are slippery to draw, but a good rule is, anything that directly touches the person's body is out. That means no earrings, shirts and certainly no underwear.

Another rule: Give gifts down the hierarchical ladder, not up. Bosses ordinarily can give their subordinates gifts, but a gift in the other direction looks like toadyism. The main exception is when members of a group all chip in a few dollars to buy a well-loved boss a joint gift.

A gift for the boss may also be OK when the two of you are friends—but if other workers could misinterpret the gesture, do it away from the office.

Gag gifts, too, are verboten. Harry may comb his thinning hair to cover his bald spot and a gift toupee might be a laugh—but will there be smiles the next day?

"I have seen many gag gifts that led to a laugh in public, but in private the recipient had bad feelings," says Jan Yager, etiquette expert from Stamford, Conn., and author of *Business Protocol*.

Yager shares another no-no: "Gifts that are too cheap and gifts that are too expensive. You don't want your gift to smack of bribery, just as you don't want it to be chintzy. The amount I heard most often when I surveyed executives was \$25. That's ample to purchase a nice gift but hardly seems like a bribe."



What's too cheap? "Junky items like cheap key chains and plastic pens," says Susan Bixler, president of The Professional Image.

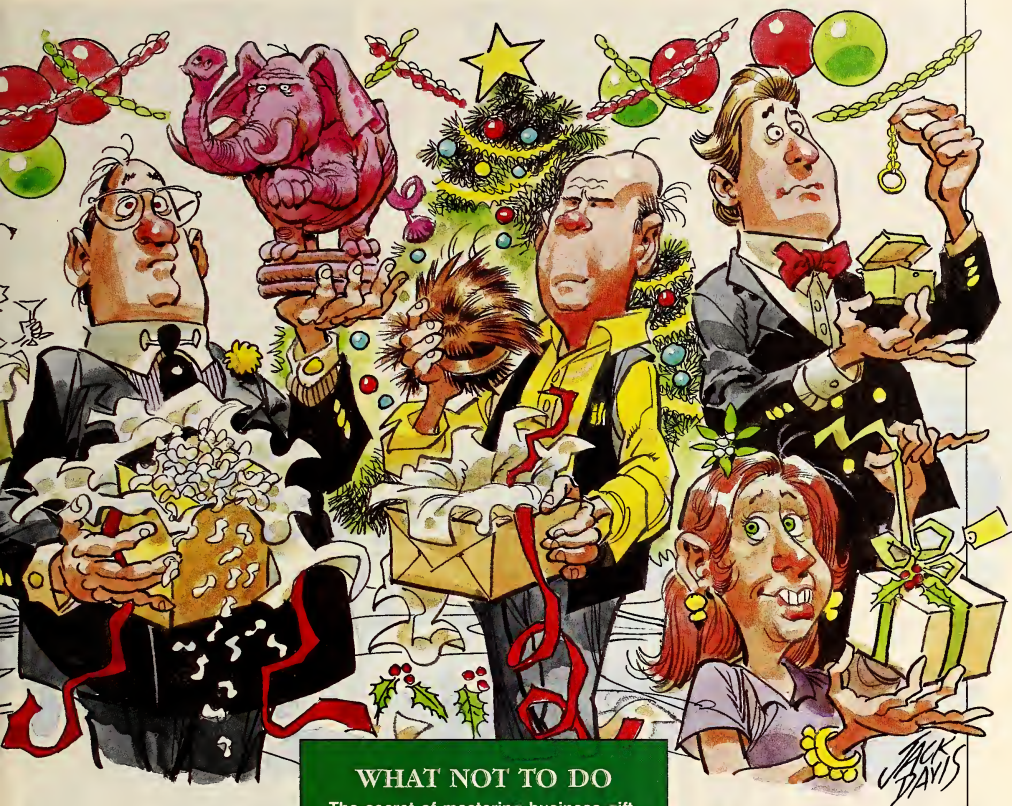
"And if it looks like leftover inventory, it's a disaster."

Items that place high on surveys of corporate givers are quality pens, personalized note stationery, books and flowers.

But topping many business gift lists these days are food baskets, especially ones with regional flair. Most parts of the country have something they are known for—from Vermont cheeses to California dates—and baskets of these delicacies rank as hits.

Receiving a business gift can be every bit as sticky as giving. Some gifts are stinkers, others are overt

Robert McGarvey's most recent article for this magazine was "Out-Rushing Rush" in the June 1995 issue.



WHAT NOT TO DO

The secret of mastering business gift-giving is knowing how to avoid pitfalls.

- ◆ **Never give gifts that are too personal.**
- ◆ **Don't give the boss a gift unless it's from a group.**
- ◆ **No gag gifts. They often cause more embarrassment than laughter.**
- ◆ **Avoid gifts that are too expensive or too cheap.**

bribes. If you receive a gift that is inappropriate or just isn't you, smile and say thanks. If you don't have a gift in return, don't be embarrassed, and don't rush out to buy just anything. Such "tit for tat" gifts invariably look forced, even when they aren't.

"It's better to wait for another time to reciprocate," says Ann Humphries of Columbia, S.C.-based Eticon.

The stickiest of sticky gift situations is dealing with bribes. "Return the gift at once," says Humphries. Be gracious, but recognize that you don't have to explain yourself:

"It's enough to say that the gift is against company policy or simply that

you didn't think it is appropriate."

But when you get a nice gift, don't forget to thank the giver; it's not easy

to be a successful gift-giver these days. "Thank-you notes are essential," says Humphries. "Keep it brief, especially acknowledging the gift and the giver—'You were very kind to remember me in this thoughtful way.'"

Even when you are sending a gift, a personal note is always a must. "Include a note that expresses your thanks for the relationship you have with the recipient," says Willey.

Actually, because of the general breakdown in social graces, the note may end up being more memorable than the gift. "So few people send thank-you notes anymore," says Humphries. "It's a terrific way to stand out." □



BANNER DAY—More than 100 units and thousands of Legionnaires marched through downtown Indianapolis on the 50th anniversary of V-J Day.



OOPS & AAHS—The Legion cosponsored the SkyConcert '95 fireworks show Sept. 2.

REPORT FROM INDIANAPOLIS

Legionnaires took a wistful look back on the 50th anniversary of V-J Day, and a giant leap forward to revolutionize VA health care.

By T. Douglas Donaldson

BANDS blared tunes from the '40s as Tuskegee Airmen waved from a car and WWII tanks and Jeeps rumbled along downtown Indianapolis streets. The date: Sept. 2, the 50th anniversary of V-J Day. The occasion: The American Legion's convention parade, which became a national showcase of the con-

tributions and sacrifices of those Americans who lived and died during World War II.

While honoring the achievements of WWII veterans throughout the convention, Aug. 31-Sept. 6, delegates and speakers also examined issues of national importance, including VA health care, traditional American values, defense, education and the flag.

But the afternoon of Sept. 2 belonged to floats, marchers dressed in WWII military uniforms, and those who knew World War II firsthand.



PARADE POSTURE—National Commander William M. Detweiler snaps a salute from the reviewing stand.

Sitting in the shade along the parade route, WWII veteran Dan Murphy wiped back tears with the same strong hands he used in swabbing the ship as a "deck ape" aboard the *USS Quincy*. Now a member of Post 435 of Worcester, Mass., Murphy recalled the fierce fighting at Guadalcanal, and how he escaped from the cruiser before it sank. He also remembered where he was 50



WWI VETERAN—Alabaman Charles Cook of Post 30 walked the mile-long parade route.



MARCH IN SEPTEMBER—Legionnaires and members of the Auxiliary and SAL packed downtown Indianapolis streets for more than three hours.

years ago to the day: aboard the *USS Begor* in Tokyo Bay as Japanese representatives on the *USS Missouri* signed the surrender, officially ending the war.

"It was such a joy," he said with a rare mixture of pain and pride. "I think about what we had to do to get here."

For Murphy and thousands of other WWII veterans, the culmination of the "WWII Commemorated" convention came when the Legion awarded Gen.

Paul Tibbets and the crew of the *Enola Gay* the Legion's highest honor—the Distinguished Service Award. (See "Three Cheers for *Enola Gay* Crew," Page 41.)

"We stood up to the revisionist historians," said National Commander William M. Detweiler, who led the Legion's year-long crusade to thwart the Smithsonian Institution's planned anti-American display of the *Enola*

Gay. "Dropping the bombs was proper, and we as a people have nothing to apologize for. We will continue to press to have the *Enola Gay* fully assembled and given its proper honors."

MEMORIES TO MINUTES

During the Post Everlasting part of the opening ceremony, a bell tolled three times—echoing throughout the



MOOD SWING—Crooning '40s tunes, American Cabaret Theater Singers set the tone for commemorating World War II.



COLD MOLD—Detweiler and his wife, Maureen, admire the Legion Emblem ice sculpture at the Commander's Banquet.



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD—Detweiler presents the Legion's highest honor—the Distinguished Service Award—to the crew of the Enola Gay. From left, radio operator Richard Nelson, navigator Theodore "Dutch" Van Kirk, bombardier Thomas Ferebee, Detweiler and pilot Paul Tibbets.



GOOD GUY AWARD—On behalf of the Past Department Commander's Club, Margaret Malone presents former Dodger Carl Erskine with the Good Guy Award.



HEARST AMERICANISM TROPHY—Vermont won the award for outstanding Americanism activities. From left, Dept. Cmdr. George A. Bille, Alt. NECman Joe Murphy, Nat'l Vice Cmdr. Vernon K. Groseknick, Past Dept. Cmdr. Alan Grazini, and Otto Wick, publisher of the Midland, Mich., Daily News, representing Hearst Newspapers.



FOURTH ESTATE AWARD—Public Relations Commission Chairman Thomas Kouyeas, left, and Detweiler present Marcia Stepanek the Fourth Estate Award for Hearst Newspapers Washington Bureau's in-depth articles about the national debt.

convention hall—as the WWII veterans paid tribute to their fallen comrades.

Among the memories rekindled for Mary Cotterill, a 50-year member of Post 791, Brooklyn, N.Y., was V-J Day in Ithaca, N.Y. Cotterill, a WAC stationed at Camp Atterbury, Ind., was visiting her grandmother and brother at the time.

"When the signing was announced, it was like the whole town came out to the streets," she said. "We marched and celebrated all day."

Although such wistful vignettes occupied the hearts and minds of this year's convention-goers as they swapped stories during banquets and the SkyConcert '95 fireworks show, the general sessions themselves were given over to the serious task of charting the Legion's course for the coming year.

Of primary concern to delegates was the future of VA, and how to ensure that veterans will continue to receive medical care during these tumultuous budgetary times. To address this concern, the convention passed Res. 141, The American Legion Veterans' Health Care Security Plan. The plan calls for an overhaul of VA that would:

- allow veterans' dependents to receive care from VA;
- bill insurance companies and Medicare for VA services;
- vastly increase the availability of VA care to all veterans.

(For more detailed information about the Legion's plan for VA reform, see Veterans Update, Page 56.)

"The VA medical-care system must be completely changed and improved if it is ever to become efficient," Detweiler

er said during a press conference before the convention. "Our plan will evolve VA into a market-driven, customer-focused, health-care delivery service."

VA's chronically underfunded budget is the prime reason the Legion has proposed this revolutionary plan. The Legion's plan would pump money into the VA budget, enabling the embattled system to better treat more veterans.

In his speech at the convention, VA Secretary Jesse Brown rebutted recent attacks on VA's budget. "Some have called VA a sacred cow," said Brown, a member of Post 72 of Warrenton, Va. "They have a cow mixed up with a lot of bull."

Brown said Congress' current VA funding policies "rob Peter to pay Paul," forcing VA to cut staff and reduce care. The VA Secretary also pointed out that if congressional VA funding habits continue, by 2002, VA will have to close dozens of hospitals, cut 61,000 personnel (including many doctors and medical-care givers), and deny care to 1 million veterans.

"We earned those hospitals, and we're not going to give them up without a fight," promised Brown.

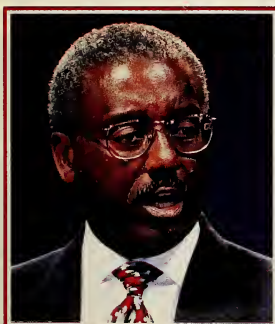
HEADLINER

The keynote convention speaker was presidential candidate Sen. Bob Dole, who championed another cause long supported by the Legion: preserving traditional American values. In his address covered by national



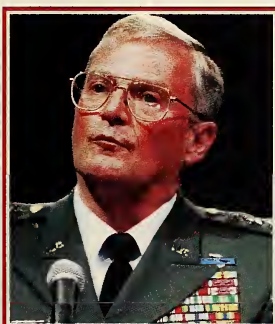
**SEN. BOB DOLE
PRESIDENTIAL HOPEFUL**

"The vast majority of Americans still hold fast to the values that made America great, but now we must do more than just live by them. We must speak out about our values and insist that our culture and our government reflect them."



**JESSE BROWN
VA SECRETARY**

"We have reached a point where those who defended America have to defend themselves. Politicians say nothing is too good for our veterans and they turn around and do that for veterans—nothing."



**GENERAL SHALIKASHVILI
CHMN. JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF**

"With the ending of the Cold War, our military budget has been reduced by nearly 40 percent. And I say enough is enough. This nation's security demands that we cut no more."



**RICHARD RILEY
SECRETARY OF EDUCATION**

"American education is like a car that's speeding up—but some in the Congress want to siphon off the gas. Education should never be a political football."

media, Dole criticized the government for perpetuating programs that are "untying the strings of citizenship."

"Affirmative action is one of those programs," said Dole, a WWII veteran and recipient of two Purple Hearts. "Instead of making things better, it has made things worse. No amount of tinkering can rescue it. It was never supposed to be permanent. We know it has failed. Let's stop dividing America by race and get back to the simple principle of equal treatment for all."

Interrupted several times by applause, Dole, a member of Post 99, Russell, Kan., also renewed his support for making English the official language of the United States: "Western tradition and American greatness must be taught in our schools. And the federal government must end its war on traditional American values."

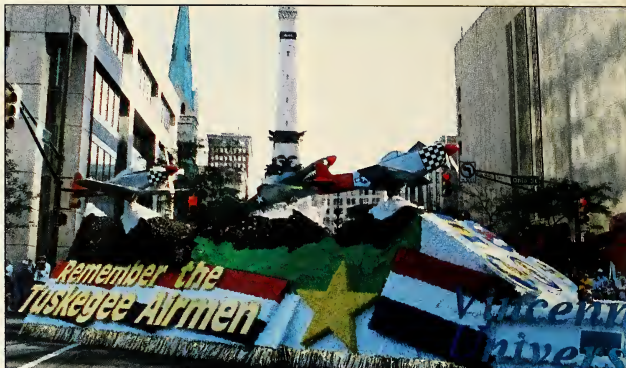
In a clear, determined voice, Dole urged all Americans to get involved to change their government. "Language, history and values: These are the strings that bind our hearts to America," he said as his voice echoed in the football-field-sized convention hall.

Dole also spoke of his respect for the flag and the Legion's efforts to protect it. "Our flag is more than a piece of cloth; it is the embodiment of our sacred ideal. I grew up holding my hand over my heart and pledging allegiance to it. And perhaps one of our problems is that too few of us do that anymore," he said. "We ought to teach children at an early age to respect the flag. And we certainly ought to stop its denigration. I am proud to stand with The American Legion in supporting a constitutional amendment to protect the flag."

After his speech, Dole walked across the convention floor, shaking hands and greeting hundreds of Legionnaires. Wading through the throng of well-wishers took the senator several minutes. As the convention waited for events from the podium to resume, Detweiler took the microphone and shared a conversation he had with Dole backstage. "Before his speech, Sen. Dole, the Senate's majority leader, promised to call a vote for the flag amendment in this session of Congress," said Detweiler. "We thank the senator, and I urge all of you to use the phone banks outside the convention hall to voice your opinion to Washington."

CCA PHONE FRENZY

Lloyd Trimmer of Post 30, Gooding, Idaho, was one of thousands who took



INDY AIR SHOW—A float honoring WWII's Tuskegee Airmen glides in front of the Soldiers and Sailors Monument in downtown Indianapolis.



SON SHINE—The entire Legion family turned out to march in the parade.



THE GI'S PAL—An actor reads Ernie Pyle articles at Sunday's religious service.



MIRTHFUL MUSTER—Hundreds of WWII veterans marched together as a contingent in the parade—some still able to fit into their old uniforms.



INDIANAPOLIS AHOY—Survivors of the USS Indianapolis steam along the parade route aboard a replica of the ship.



HE'S RETURNED—A MacArthur impersonator flashes the victory sign to the thousands of parade spectators.



COLOR FULL—High school bands and color guards from across the country came to march in the parade.



TANKS A LOT—The parade spectacle featured many authentic WWII vehicles, including this tank.



OATH OF OFFICE—Past National Commander John Geiger, right, swears in Daniel A. Ludwig as the 1995-96 American Legion National Commander. Ludwig, a member of Post 54 of Red Wing, Minn., is a Navy veteran of the Vietnam War.



CAPPING IT OFF—Ludwig's wife, Mary, placed the National Commander's cap on her husband after his election. Ludwig told convention delegates that his top priorities for the year were bolstering membership, reforming VA and protecting the flag.



FAMILY & FRIENDS—On stage for Ludwig's election, from left, were his wife, Mary; son, John; daughter, Ann; brother-in-law, Ron Sadlowski; sister, Mary; Rosie Diercks; and Gerald Diercks, Ludwig's aide.

Detweiler's advice. Trimmer waited patiently for his phone call to Washington, D.C., to be answered. Once his call got through, he persuasively explained to a staffer of Illinois Sen. Paul Simon why the U.S. Flag should be protected by a constitutional amendment.

"The states should be allowed to decide, not the Supreme Court," Trimmer also told the staff of senators Mitch McConnell of Kentucky and Ted Stevens of Alaska. "The people should have that right. Passing the amendment would let them decide."

Trimmer, other Legionnaires, and members of the Auxiliary and Sons of The American Legion used the Citizen's Flag Alliance (CFA) phone bank to make 5,057 calls to the senators' offices during the seven-day convention. They called to thank those who support the amendment and urged others to cast their vote in favor of it.

The calls did not go unnoticed. "Some senators have been complaining that we are calling them too often," National Commander Detweiler told cheering delegates later in the convention.

The House had already passed the amendment, and delegates anxiously awaited news of whether SJR 31 had received support from a sufficient number of senators to assure a two-thirds majority in the Senate. (At convention time, 59 senators had pledged to vote for the new amendment.) Assuming Senate approval, the landmark measure would then be sent to states for ratification.

Five Legion Departments contributed to CFA's campaign to protect



KEYS TO THE SHOP—Detweiler gives Ludwig the keys and pass card to the Legion's national headquarters.



LUDWIG'S THEME—"The American Legion is still serving America."



PARTNERS IN PATRIOTISM—Ludwig and the new national Auxiliary President, Syble Deshotel, greet convention-goers.

the flag. Ohio gave \$10,000; Virginia, \$1,800; Kentucky, \$200; Oklahoma, \$200; and Idaho, \$500.

"No one organization could have accomplished what the CFA has," veteran TV news reporter Ike Pappas told delegates during his convention speech.

EDUCATING AMERICA

While CFA volunteers continued to educate Senators about the importance of protecting the flag, Secretary of Education Richard W. Riley told the 3,313 convention delegates about the importance of education.

"Our freedom, our national security, our jobs, our economy—even the survival of our most basic American values—are more dependent on education than ever before," said Riley, a member of Post 3, Greenville, S.C.

Riley chastised Congress for its apparent willingness to cut education funding in attempts to reduce the deficit. "Something else that saddens me about recent actions in the Congress is the sharp break in the proud American tradition of bipartisan support for education," said Riley, a longtime family friend of Past National Commander E. Roy Stone Jr. "Education should never be a political football. When it comes to our kids, we need more thought and less noise. After all, we don't educate our children as Democrats, Republicans or Independents, but as Americans."

Riley credited America's education system as one of the reasons the United States was successful in the Gulf War. "Just ask our Desert Storm veterans to describe the high level of learning and

training they needed to use the high-tech weapons that won the war," said Riley. "It takes smart people to build and use smart bombs."

BEST DEFENSE

To keep our troops smart and ready, Army Gen. John M. Shalikashvili, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told delegates, America cannot allow its defense budget to be whittled away as part of a "peace dividend."

"There is only one peace dividend and that is peace itself," he said.

Shalikashvili noted that after each major conflict, the United States has allowed its armed forces to atrophy. "We neglected to modernize; we permitted our readiness to dry up; and in the end we paid dearly for our mis-

takes. We must not allow that to happen again," he said to the applause of convention delegates.

Shalikashvili asked Legionnaires to look to the past as a model for what America can accomplish. "Since the start of the Second World War, it was our nation that has been the architect of this past century," he said. "Many of you here in this hall were the builders. You produced the victories upon which our freedoms were secured and upon which the Cold War was won."

"The challenge today is to ensure that our nation is the architect for the next century as well."

THE WINNERS ARE...

Legion awards and honors were bestowed on individuals, Departments



LINE OF COMMAND—Newly elected National Vice Commanders join Ludwig on the stage. From left, Ralph Reel, Darrel Haskell, Robert Scott, Ludwig, Keith Baker and William Ciciotte.



'WHEEL' LUCKY—Richard Zulch, center, won a \$26,000 LeSabre donated by Buick. With Zulch are Buick representatives Larry Hise, left, and D.J. Lyons.



HELLO, SENATOR?—The Citizens Flag Alliance phone bank inundated Capitol Hill with more than 5,000 calls urging the passage of the constitutional amendment to protect the flag.

and businesses during the convention.

Individual award winners were:

- Joe Chilelli, Post 790, LaPuente, Calif., Recruiter of the Year, for signing up 552 new members;
- Hearst Newspapers Washington Bureau, The Fourth Estate Award, the Legion's journalism award, for a series of articles about the growing national deficit.

This year's Department awards and donations were:

- Ohio, the Garland Murphy Award, for most contributions to the Child Welfare Foundation;
- Maryland, the Frank N. Belgrano Jr. Trophy, for outstanding support of the Boy Scouts;
- Florida, the Ralph T. O'Neil Education Trophy, for its outstanding support of the Legion's school medal program;

• Vermont, the Randolph Hearst Americanism Trophy, for its excellence in conducting Americanism activities;

• Ohio, the William F. Lenker National Service Trophy, for service to veterans;

• Delaware and New Mexico were recognized as surpassing previous all-time-high membership marks.

• The Department of Virginia gave \$5,000 to the National Emergency Fund.

The following companies received Employer of the Year Awards for hiring veterans:

- Southwest Research Institute of San Antonio, Texas, for companies with 50 or fewer employees;
- Caldwell Machining Inc. of Emporium, Pa., for companies with 51 to 200 employees;
- Boeing Aerospace Operations Inc.

of Mid City, Okla., for companies with more than 200 employees.

American Legion corporate partners also conducted drawings for tens of thousands of dollars in prizes:

• A \$26,000 1996 LeSabre, donated by Buick, was driven home by Richard Zulch of Post 725, Portage, Ohio. The raffle raised \$19,158 for the American Legion Baseball scholarship fund.

• \$1,000 certificates of deposit from MBNA Bank, The American Legion VISA card provider, went to Donna Fuelling of Dearborn Heights, Mich., and Wilma J. Mayfield of Bridgeport, W.Va.

• \$500 certificates of deposit from MBNA were won by Donna Bisailon of Bourbonnais, Ill.; Jack A. Waggoner of Thorntown, Ind.; and Lana Bowen of Waterloo, N.Y.

• A 25" television donated by Jack-



COMMANDER & KIDS—During the convention parade, Detweiler marches the route along with his daughters, Bonnie, left, and Jeannie.



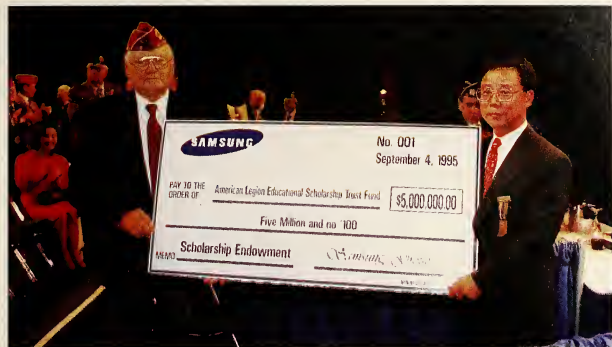
VETERAN WORKERS—The Economic Commission toured the Indianapolis job service office and were shown how veterans can use computer data bases to find jobs.

son National Life, the company providing the Legion's annuity program, was won by Katena Karnes of Huntington, W.Va.

Legionnaires at the convention also found time to give of themselves by donating 257 units of blood that will help several Indianapolis hospitals.

ON TO A NEW YEAR

As the convention came to a close, Detweiler reflected on his year at the Legion's helm and thanked Legionnaires for the opportunity to represent them during an epochal period in Legion history. As a memento of his efforts, Detweiler's National Vice Commanders gave him a painting of the Enola Gay autographed by the crew. After receiving the painting, Detweiler addressed the convention



DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS—In honor of America's Korean War veterans, Samsung donated \$5 million to create the Samsung American Legion Scholarship program for descendants of U.S. veterans. So-Soon Song, President of Samsung North America, presented the check to National Vice Commander Vernon K. Grosenick.

THREE CHEERS FOR ENOLA GAY CREW

NO APPLAUSE meter was needed to determine who captured the hearts and minds of 15,000 Legionnaires and their spouses attending the 77th National Convention in Indianapolis.

After three rousing, standing ovations—each lasting many minutes—it was quite obvious that the crew of the Enola Guy won hands down.

National Commander William Detweiler put into words what most, if not all, in the convention hall were thinking: "Many of you would not be here today if it weren't for the coura-

geous men of the Enola Gay, who ushered in a dawn of peace a half century ago. We are proud and grateful to all of those who served aboard the Enola Gay, and we thank them for their efforts." As he made these remarks, Detweiler presented the crew with the Legion's highest honor—the Distinguished Service Award.

One of many who were moved to tears during the

presentation was Melvin P. Chapman of Post 389, Beverly, Ohio. In the back of the hall, Chapman listened to Tibbets and recalled his own service. Chapman was a member of the Army's 45th Div. scheduled to go to the Pacific during World War II. His division had already seen much in Europe: crossing the Maginot Line and liberating Dachau prison camp.

"I think about all the lives the Enola Gay saved," said Chapman, his words barely escaping as he choked back tears. "I thank all of those men."

Tibbets said that without the sacrifices of WWII veterans, the war-ending flight of the Enola Gay would not

have been possible.

"We are honored today by this recognition," said Tibbets. "But it was American spirit that allowed us to raise up from Pearl Harbor and provide real teamwork to win."

Commenting about a more recent battle, Tibbets credited the Legion with forcing the Smithsonian Institution to cancel its original anti-American Enola Gay exhibit.

What does Tibbets think about those revisionist historians? "Let me put it this way," he said. "Any revisionist who has not been in war is sure as hell not qualified to document anything."

—T.D.D.



SIGN TIME—The Enola Gay crew sign autographs and talk with Legionnaires after receiving three standing ovations from convention delegates. From left, Theodore Van Kirk, Thomas Ferebee, Richard Nelson and Paul Tibbets.

delegates.

"I only hope I was able to give something back to America, which has given me so much," said Detweiler, his voice cracking with emotion.

Past National Commanders E. Roy Stone Jr. and John H. Geiger then presented Detweiler with a plaque and his colors, and convention delegates turned to the final business of electing a National Commander for 1995-96.

Proudly supporting their nominee, Daniel A. Ludwig of Post 54, Red Wing, Minn., Minnesota delegates marched around the convention floor with placards reading, "Dan's Our Man." Convention delegates agreed, and unanimously elected Daniel A. Ludwig as National Commander.

A Navy veteran of the Vietnam War, Ludwig, 49, served aboard the nuclear submarines *USS Alexander Hamilton* and the *USS James Madison*. He currently works as a radiation protection specialist for Northern States Power Co. at the Prairie Island Nuclear Plant in Red Wing.

Among Ludwig's many concerns this year are reforming VA and gaining a constitutional amendment to protect the U.S. Flag. But as always, membership heads the list, and Ludwig vows to increase it before he leaves office.

"I want to see the Legion welcome more Gulf War veterans as members, and allow them to play a role in leading our organization," he said. "American Legion Posts should become sanctuaries for active duty men and women who need a place to call home. Wherever they go, the Legion 'welcome mat' must be out."

Convention delegates elected the following National Vice Commanders: Keith Baker of Linn Grove, Iowa; William Ciciotte of Topsham, Maine; Darrel Haskell of Conde, S.D.; Ralph

Reel of New Market, Tenn.; and Robert Scott of Lebanon, Ore.

National Commander Ludwig appointed Reverend Mister Joseph Reynolds, Caldwell, Texas, as the National Chaplain; Paul R. Tenney, Washington, Vt., National Historian; Thomas Schottenbauer of St. Louis Park, Minn., National Sergeant-At-Arms; and Gerald A. Diercks Red Wing, Minn., as his aide. (See Page 48 for profiles of the national officers.) Reappointed national officers were National Adjutant Robert W. Spanogle of Michigan; National Judge Advocate Philip B. Onderdonk of Maryland; and National Treasurer Webber LaGrange of Indiana.

ENDINGS

The final gavel fell on the Legion's 77th National Convention and delegates returned to their hotels to pack for home. But for Legionnaires such as William Lucas, Post 162, New Haven, Conn., the convention would become an integral part of their once-in-a-lifetime memories. Among other things, he would remember the bells of the Scottish Rite Cathedral tolling at 4 p.m., Sept. 2, marking the 50th anniversary of V-J Day. He would reflect on the parade that brought back so many bittersweet memories of the war.

He would remember Utah Beach and the Battle of the Bulge. And he would remember the people he served with. Of the original 45 men in his platoon, only Lucas and three others returned home alive.

"I think about my lost buddies," he said softly, as the parade passed and the bands played on. □

T. Douglas Donaldson is assistant editor of THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE.

77TH NATIONAL CONVENTION ADOPTS 39 RESOLUTIONS

Now, therefore, be it Resolved...

COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS John A. Barnaba (N.Y.), Chairman

Res. 1 (NCC) Authorizes expansion of the American Legion Auxiliary membership to include grandmothers of American Legion members.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS

Herman G. Harrington (N.Y.), Chairman

Res. 42 (Ill.) Supports sponsorship by the Japanese American National Museum of a "Salute to Japanese American Veterans" on Nov. 8, 1995.

Res. 56 (Texas) Supports Sergeant Alvin C. York postage stamp.

Res. 64 (N.Y.) Urges media coverage of all future presentations of the Medal of Honor.

Res. 65 (N.Y.) Opposes converting Midway Islands—the site of a significant U.S. military victory—into a wildlife refuge.

Res. 91 (Me.) Supports restoration of The Liberty Memorial in Kansas City, Mo.

Res. 93 (N.Y.) Expresses appreciation to members of Congress who helped make the Enola Gay exhibit historically accurate.

Res. 94 (Ohio) Urges removal of the Enola Gay from Smithsonian control at the end of exhibit.

Res. 100 (Ohio) Encourages the National Park Service to establish reasonable rules governing the sale of items to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial grounds.

Res. 136 (W.Va.) Supports supersonic flight postage stamp.

Res. 139 (Va.) Endorses George C. Marshall Home Preservation Fund.

Res. 153 (Comm.) Expresses appreciation to Indianapolis as host city to the 1995 National Convention.

Res. 154 (Comm.) Urges that Congress designate that 9:04 a.m., each Sept. 2 be observed as the end of World War II.

NATIONAL SECURITY

Anthony G. Jordan (Maine), Chairman

Res. 32 (D.C.) The American Legion policy on modernization of the U.S. Army.

Res. 102 (Md.) The American Legion policy on military quality of life features.

Res. 104 (Md.) Opposes further attempts by Congress to delay, decrease or deny military retirement COLAs.

Res. 105 (Md.) The American Legion policy on terrorism in the United States.

Res. 107 (Md.) The American Legion policy on Department of Defense health-care reform for military beneficiaries.

Res. 148 (Comm.) Urges revision of The 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty.

Res. 149 (Comm.) The American Legion support for the U.S. Air Force of the 21st century.

Res. 150 (Comm.) Urges full funding, pay parity and quality of life measures for the U.S. Coast Guard.

AMERICANISM

Ray G. Smith (N.C.), Chairman

Res. 16 (Colo.) Opposes any change in the designation, "V-J Day"

Res. 99 (Ohio) Supports increasing the strength of the U.S. Coast Guard and U.S. Customs and Immigration, and the use of military resources, to stop the flow of illegal aliens into the United States.

FOREIGN RELATIONS

Alan P. Hall (Fla.), Chairman

Res. 26 (Alaska) The American Legion policy supporting the Republic of China on Taiwan.

Res. 92 (Mo.) Urges priority actions be taken by the U.S. government concerning POW/MIA's.

Res. 111 (Md.) Opposes the Agreed Framework with North Korea.

Res. 140 (Va.) Urges normalization of relations with Vietnam.

Res. 151 (Comm.) Calls for reforming the United Nations.

Res. 152 (Comm.) Supports NATO's Partnership for Peace.

VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION

Chester F. Stellar (Ohio), Chairman

Res. 35 (N.D.) Opposes centralization of VA claims processing centers.

Res. 37 (N.C.) Opposes taxation of VA disability compensation.

Res. 47 (S.C.) Supports exempting all current pensions and entitlements from further review.

Res. 74 (Ill.) Seeks legislation to pay all accrued benefits of a deceased veteran from the date the claim was filed.

Res. 141 (Comm.) The American Legion Veterans' Health Care Security Plan.

ECONOMIC

Allen L. Titus (Ind.), Chairman

Res. 24 (Alaska) Opposes federal policies which would cancel long-term contracts for resource extraction and result in severe economic and social impact on communities and veterans who live and work there.

Res. 28 (D.C.) Urges legislation that would authorize proper and lawful acquisition of federal surplus property by The American Legion for assisting needy U.S. citizens.

Res. 70 (Fla.) Urges full funding and support for veterans' employment programs.

Res. 146 (Comm.) Supports legislation necessary to accomplish the goals of the Secretary of Labor for the benefit of veterans.

Res. 147 (Comm.) Supports efforts to increase and improve federal assistance to America's veteran-entrepreneur.

For a complete text of any resolution, write to: The American Legion Office of Archives, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206



IN MEMORY—
During the opening ceremonies, Foreign Relations Commission Chairman Alan Hall, left, and Past National Commander Robert Turner drape a chair with the POW/MIA flag in honor of servicemen who never returned home.

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HIGHLIGHTS

POW/MIAS

AMERICA'S POW/MIAs may have been kept after wars because of their knowledge of technology, experts told Legionnaires.

"The need for technology changed the way POWs were treated after World War II," said Bill Bell of the Arkansas-based National Veterans Research Center. That was also the opinion of Dr. Paul Cole, who researched the POW/MIA issue for the RAND Corporation and testified on the subject before the Senate Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs.

Cole, now a senior associate with Defense Forecast International, told Legionnaires that his study of declassified Russian records shows that 25 to 30 U.S. POWs from the Korean War were taken to the Soviet Union. Bell, a former head of the U.S. Office for POW/MIA Affairs in Hanoi, said the Soviets played a role in the holding of U.S. POWs after World War II, Korea and Vietnam. "Our government's response has been, don't bother the Russians," said Cole. Bell and Cole agreed that the government is doing a poor job on this issue.

Speaking on behalf of the Korea-Cold War Family Association of the Missing, Pat Dunton explained how she has been ignored during her quest to find out what happened to her father, a POW/MIA from the Korean War. "I tried to get information on my father, and no one seemed to want to help me," she said.

YOUTH CHAMPIONS

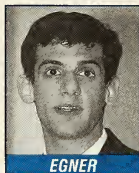
THE 1995 Boys National President, Rick Lam Jr. of Tecumseh, Okla., told Legionnaires it's "only a matter of time before another Boys State graduate becomes President." (President Clinton graduated in 1963.)

Young people also make their careers and change their lives by competing in The American Legion National High School Oratorical Contest, according to 1995 winner Aron S. Egner of Ballston Lake, N.Y. "Always remember how many lives you affect, and how many kids learn to respect America," Egner told Legionnaires.

1995 Junior Shooting Sports Champion Terry Bradley of Cherokee, N.C., was "impressed with the love and



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compassion that the Legion has for people."

Fernando Rodriguez, 1994 Baseball Player of the Year, humbly acknowledged the support of the Legion.

IMMIGRATION

THE country's coming apart under the influx of immigration," Peter Brimelow, a senior editor at *Forbes* magazine, told the Legion's Americanism Commission. He said the country is becoming polarized along racial lines, with whites moving north and blacks moving to large, southern cities. According to Brimelow, people are entering and staying in the United States because of welfare benefits.

Brimelow says that in addition to the many immigrants who can't speak English, 2.5 percent of native-born U.S. citizens are non-English speaking.

CLAIMS BACKLOG

VA's Board of Veterans Appeals (BVA) still needs to handle claims more efficiently and it is trying to do just that, BVA Chairman Charles Cragin told members of the VA&R Commission. "We're on track to turn out 28,000 decisions this year, which will be 27 percent over fiscal year 1994," he said.

Cragin, however, recognized how far BVA has to go: "Our output today is unacceptable, and will continue to be unacceptable until we can adjudicate a decision within 180 days." According to Legion officials, VA decisions cur-

rently are taking more than 200 days at the regional office level.

MEMORIALS

THE representatives from projects to commemorate America's wars reported on their progress.

- Groundbreaking for a World War II memorial is scheduled for this month, according to retired Army Lt. Gen. Claude M. Kicklighter, executive director of the Defense Department's WWII Commemorative Committee.

- The Korean War Veterans Memorial was dedicated in July, thanks to \$618,362 in donations from the Legion family. "If you go to Washington, you'll see that our Korean War veterans are forgotten no more," PNC John P. "Jake" Comer said.

- Diane Carlson Evans, who spearheaded the Vietnam Women's Memorial project, said that \$300,000 is still



COMER



CARLSON EVANS

needed to take care of the debt incurred from the memorial's design, construction and maintenance. The Legion donated \$135,000 for the construction of the Vietnam Women's Memorial.



VAUGHT

- Retired Air Force Brig. Gen. Wilma Vaught, president of the Women in Military Service for America Memorial Foundation Inc., thanked National Commander William M. Detweiler for attending the groundbreaking in June, but said the memorial still needs support.

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

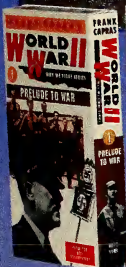
I AM proud to have served with National Commander Detweiler, a National Commander who helped preserve history and the true story of the Enola Gay," said Auxiliary President

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HIGHLIGHTS

Linda M. Newsome of Waldorf, Md. Also, she added, "We need to put our money where our mouths are and follow through to protect the U.S. Flag."



NEWSOME

OVERSEAS VETERANS

REPRESENTATIVES of veterans groups from other countries addressed Legionnaires:

- "We are allies in our common concerns. We, too, fought with you in the Pacific and in the European theater," said W. T. "Russ" Ward, Dominion President of Army, Navy, Air Force Veterans in Canada.

- Hugh Greene, Dominion President of The Royal Canadian Legion, said that "as long as there are Legions, veterans will have someone to look out for them." He said that veterans must look to the future without forgetting the past, and "older veterans must pass on the torch to younger veterans."

- Retired Lt. Gen. Yu Chao, vice chairman of the Vocational Assistance Commission for Retired Servicemen of the Republic of China, was pleased to note that "our two organizations have mutually acted for 20 years to promote veterans' welfare."

- Retired Lt. Gen. Jae-Yun Kim, vice president of the Korean Veterans Association, thanked Legionnaires: "You saved our country at such a great cost," he said. "After the war you provided us with support and the result has been the remarkable progress we have made today."

SAL LEADER

JOHAN T. Dietz of SAL Squadron 203, Erlanger, Ky., was elected National Commander of the Sons of The American Legion. "We will work for the type of America Legionnaires fought to defend," he said. Dietz wants to make SAL more visible with more volunteerism and involvement with the Legion's VA&R and children and youth programs. His membership goal is 200,000.



DIETZ

VA WOES

BARRING the sort of dramatic restructuring proposed by The American Legion (See Veterans Update, Page 56), VA will have to impose fees and charges for services that were previously free, said Patrick E. Ryan, Democratic chief counsel/staff director for the House Committee on Veterans Affairs. For example, prescription co-payments may go up, he said. VA is faced with cutting \$6.4 billion over the next seven years, according to Congress' proposed deficit-reduction plan.

THE U.S. FLAG

THE push for an amendment to protect the U.S. Flag from physical desecration got some added muscle when words of support were delivered by Jere Radcliffe, chief scout executive of the Boy Scouts of America.

"We applaud The American Legion and the Citizens Flag Alliance (CFA) in their quest to secure the flag-protection amendment," said Radcliffe. "The



RADCLIFFE

Boy Scouts of America will do everything in its power to see that this important measure becomes law."

Legionnaires also heard from Rep. G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery of Mississippi and Rep. Jerry Solomon of New York (via audio-recorded message), co-authors of HJR 79 authorizing a constitutional amendment, which passed the House. Both expressed hope that similar legislation would make its way through the Senate.

77-YEAR MEMBER

WVI veteran Anne Pederson Freeman, 94, a member of Post 451, San Diego, Calif., told convention delegates she was the 13th woman to sign up at Post 2 in Brooklyn, N.Y., one of the first stateside Legion Posts.

"I've remained in the Legion because it has lived up to the idea of helping people," she said. "Signing up is one of the best things I did in my life."



FREEMAN

PATRIOTISM

MOVIE and television star Dale Robertson, a WWII Army veteran, told Legionnaires that "America may not be perfect, but it's the best place to live." However, he also expressed his concerns.



ROBERTSON

"I'm not sure that everything we fought for is still in place," he said. "I see the media make heroes out of criminals. All the things we fought

for in World War II, we are going to have to fight for again, here in our own country."

Robertson cited his experience with the Legion and American Legion Baseball as examples of how to get America back on track. "I always admired The American Legion and what it stood for," he said.

BAND CONTEST

THE American Legion Band of the Tonawandas, N.Y., won The American Legion National Band Contest. The Joliet American Legion Band, Ill., took second place and the Greater Kansas City American Legion Band, Mo., finished third.

COLOR GUARDS

FOLLOWING are the results of the National Senior Color Guard Competition, in order of finish:

- Open Class: Spirit of 469 (Auxiliary), Cleveland, Ohio; Apple Core Post 370 Louisiana, Mo.; Patriots Post 183 Baltimore, Md.; Algot Johnson Unit 69, Whitehall, Mich.

- Senior Color Guard, Military Class (Legion): Post 500, Speedway, Ind.; Post 469 Rough Riders Honor Guard, Cleveland, Ohio; Roadrunners Color Guard, Post 410 Lockport, N.Y.; Post 86 Rockville, Md.; Tri-city Post 513, New Brighton, Minn.

- Senior Color Guard, Military Class (open eligibility): Pure Heaven Unit 37, Ames, Iowa; SAL Squadron 27 Color Guard Drill Team, Apache Junction, Ariz.; Winslow-Holbrook-Merritt Auxiliary Lady Vanguard Unit 1, Rockland, Maine; Garrett Honor Guard Post 178, Garrett, Ind.; SAL Squadron 77, Easton, Md.; Post 86 Rockville, Md.; Seventh SAL Color Guard Squadron 1276, Syracuse, NY. □

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NATIONAL OFFICERS AND APPOINTMENTS

NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER



Keith Baker

**Linn Grove,
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ONE-ON-one and one at a time is how members have to be signed up for The American Legion," says National Vice Commander Keith Baker of Post 367, Linn Grove, Iowa. "Veterans need to be asked to join The American Legion."

A Legionnaire for 26 years, Baker is a WWII, Korea and Vietnam veteran with service in the Army (1946-1948) and U.S. Air Force (1950-1969). He holds the Distinguished Flying Cross and six Air Medals.

Baker has held leadership positions in both his Post and Department. At the national level, he has served as chairman of the POW/MIA Committee, vice chairman of the Foreign Relations Commission and as a member of the National Security Commission.

Today, he operates a Christmas tree farm after years of public service.

Baker and his wife, Betty, have three children: Linda, Kevin and Kenneth; and four grandsons.

As Vice Commander for the Central Region, he is responsible for membership in Delaware, the District of Columbia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Maryland, Michigan, Ohio, Virginia and West Virginia.

NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER



**William L.
Ciciotte**

Topsham, Maine

AS A boxer, William L. Ciciotte performed well enough to be-

come the Air Force All World Fly-weight Boxing Champion and the New England Bantamweight Champion. As a National Vice Commander, he is prepared to put that same energy into gaining new members for The American Legion.

"Service is our key selling point," says Ciciotte of Post 202, Topsham, Maine. A Legionnaire for 25 years, Ciciotte is a retired Air Force master sergeant who served during the Korean and Vietnam wars.

Ciciotte's years of service at the Post and Department levels earned him a seat on the National Executive Committee (1990-1995).

He and his wife, Carol, have four children: Angela, Anthony, Andrew and Angelo; and eight grandchildren.

As Vice Commander for the New England region, Ciciotte will lead the membership charge in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont, as well as France.

NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER



C. Darrel Haskell
Conde, S.D.

HELPING the Legion grow is an activity for all seasons, says grain farmer

Darrel Haskell of Conde, S.D. As National Vice Commander, he will pursue that mission.

An Army veteran of the Korean War, Haskell has been a Legionnaire for 42 years. He is a member of Post 148, Conde, where he served as historian, sergeant-at-arms and commander. He also was editor and publisher of the Post's newspaper for 25 years and three-time president of the South Dakota American Legion Press Association. Haskell has been a Department Commander and has served on the national VA&R Commission's National Ceme-

tery Committee.

He and his wife, Joyce, have five children: Curtis, Sandra, David, Debra and Linda; and 11 grandchildren.

As Vice Commander for the Midwest Region, Haskell will spearhead membership drives in Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas and Wisconsin.

NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER



Ralph J. Reel
**New Market,
Tenn.**

AN ARMY WWII and Korean War veteran, Ralph J. Reel

has learned a valuable lesson from his 48 years in the Legion: "I wouldn't go hunting without a gun. I wouldn't go fishing without a rod and reel. And I wouldn't go looking for Legion members without applications in my pocket."

As a member of Post 113 in Jefferson City, Tenn., Reel never left his house without a membership application. As a National Vice Commander, he will be asking others to do likewise.

A former Post, District and Department commander, Reel sees a real need to tell Gulf War veterans how The American Legion is serving them. "They need to know about the things we are doing," he says.

Reel was membership chairman for his Department and has served as vice chairman of the Foreign Relations Commission.

A retired sales representative for the Lee Co., Reel and his wife, Sarah, have three children: Kathy, Jim and Sandra; and eight grandchildren.

As Vice Commander for the Southern Region, he will engineer membership campaigns in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, South Carolina and Tennessee.

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NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER



Robert D. Scott
Lebanon, Ore.

NINE years on the advisory committee to the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs and 33 years in The American Legion have prepared Robert D. Scott of Post 51, Lebanon, Ore., for being a National Vice Commander.

Scott is an Air Force veteran of the Korean and Vietnam wars. He has been commander of his Post and has served as the Oregon Department commander and as director of the Department's Boys State program for five years.

Scott is active in his community and has served on the Lebanon City Council, the City Planning Commission and as manager of the city's Chamber of Commerce. He and his wife, Clara, have two children: J. Larry Scott and Kathryn L. Byram.

As Vice Commander for the Western Region, he will push for membership in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Mexico, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming, as well as the Philippines.

NATIONAL HISTORIAN



R. Paul Tenney
Washington, Vt.

A MEMBER of Post 10, Barre, Vt., R. Paul Tenney believes that historians are important to The American Legion because they are responsible for documenting the good deeds of Legionnaires.

"If we don't keep records, what we have accomplished will be lost forever," said Tenney. "I have a saying at my Post: 'The blue cap makes history, and it's the historian's job to record it.'"

Tenney has been recording Legion history for the Department of Vermont since 1989. He has served in several Department offices and was comman-

der of his Post from 1984-86.

An Air Force veteran of the Korean War, Tenney has been a member of the Legion since 1955. A retired banking employee, he now serves as a justice of the peace and devotes time to the volunteer fire department.

He is married to Harriet Barbara Tenney.

NATIONAL CHAPLAIN



The Rev. Mr. Joseph E. Reynolds
Caldwell, Texas

GET involved," Reverend Mister Joseph E. Reynolds, tells other chaplains nationwide. "There are veterans and families who are still suffering the wounds of war. They need help and the Legion offers programs, such as Temporary Financial Assistance, to give that help."

Reynolds' commitment to service is not new. A member of Post 159, Bryan, Texas, he's been the Department of Texas chaplain for the past five years. The 20-year Legion member also has served in many Post offices and is involved in Texas' Boys State and oratorical programs. On a national level, he is a vice chairman for the National Security Commission.

A Marine Corps veteran of the Korean War, Reynolds is a retired judge, and chief executive officer and owner of an engineering supply company. He also serves his community as a member of the local chamber of commerce and historical society.

Reynolds and his wife, Julia, have one child, Kathleen Reynolds Burleyson.

NATIONAL SERGEANT-AT-ARMS



Thomas B. Shottenbauer
St. Louis Park, Minn.

IT tells you something about Viet-

nam Navy veteran Thomas B. Shottenbauer that on the flight back home from the National Convention, he signed up a businessman as a member of The American Legion.

A Legionnaire for 30 years, Shottenbauer has held many Legion offices, including sergeant-at-arms at the Post and Department level.

At Post 282 in St. Louis Park, Minn., Shottenbauer served as commander, and as a member of the Color Guard that won the Department Color Guard championship three times.

On the national level, Shottenbauer served as National Parade Chairman of the 76th National Convention in Minneapolis.

For the past 27 years, Shottenbauer has worked for the Minnetonka, Minn.-based engineering firm Schoell & Madison Inc., first as land surveyor and later as the company's marketing director.

He is married to the former Mary Pelkey. They have five children: Christine, John, David, Anne and Amanda; and one grandson.

NATIONAL COMMANDER'S AIDE



Gerald A. Diercks
Red Wing, Minn.

POST 54, Red Wing, Minn. was fortunate to have Gerald A.

Diercks, a Korean War Air Force veteran, as an active Legionnaire for 41 years.

Now, National Commander Daniel A. Ludwig plans to tap into his Legion experience as he travels the world talking and meeting with Legionnaires and other veterans. Diercks says he is excited about helping the Legion build its membership.

A Minnesota Post Adjutant for 11 years, Diercks has served as a Post and District commander and was a member of the National Security Committee at the District and Department levels. On the national level, he served on the Distinguished Guests, and Law and Order committees.

A retired postal carrier, he is married to the former Rose Zignego and they have three children: Dwight, Pamela and Heidi; and two grandchildren. □

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“How A Desperate 53 Year Old Pennsylvania Housewife Finally Discovers The Secret to Safe, Gentle Arthritis Pain Relief”

My name is Marcella Hardinger. I'm 53 years old. 5 foot 3 inches tall. My hair is silver-white. Naturally curly. I have blue-green eyes. Dark complexion. I'm also 47 pounds too heavy.

I live on a rural route a quarter of a mile north of the Mason Dixon Line — 25 miles south of Bedford, Pennsylvania.

I went to Fort Hill High in Cumberland, Maryland. I married my husband, Wilbur, in February 1961 and have lived in this house for 28 years.

I have four boys: Marty (my eldest), Scott, Ed and Steve.

I only wish I had known years ago what I am about to share with you now. To think of the pain — the endless torture — I could have avoided.

Arthritis Clobbers Me At Age 30

Let's go back in time. I'm 30 years old. Arthritis attacks my right foot. Then it spreads to my upper back. At first I *don't* realize it's arthritis. Why? Because a creek runs through the back of my property. The water is cold as ice. I swim in it. I think the cold water causes my pain, so I immediately stop swimming. The result?

Continuing Ache.

In fact, the pain in my upper back becomes *almost unbearable*. I *cannot* even turn over in bed. Peaceful sleep? Out of the question. Completely. Then I

have a *brainwave*. I think, “It must be the mattress!” So what do I do? I promptly buy a new one at L. Bernstein Furniture Company.

And the outcome? *No help.*

Out of *desperation* I finally see a doctor. He takes an X-ray and diagnoses me with *osteoarthritis*. He asks if arthritis runs in my family. I tell him my father, Marshall Adams, and his sister, Lorena Thompson, are both *crippled* by it.

Things go downhill fast. In 1985 I'm diagnosed with *rheumatoid arthritis* in both knees, both hips and my lower back!

To make matters worse, the middle finger in my right hand and the one next to it lock in a downward curve. The doctor calls it “trigger finger.” They *won't* straighten. I *can't* write. Can you imagine not writing?!? The mental anguish is almost too much for me.

And . . . just as I think that nothing else can possibly go wrong . . .

My Arthritis Actually Rips the Cartilage In My Right Knee!

My doctor drains the fluid with a needle and gives me a shot of cortisone. It *doesn't* help, though. He says he can operate, but the arthritis may tear my cartilage *again*.

I decline.

Now I'm alarmed. Really scared. I picture myself *crippled* — like my father and aunt. I'm desperate —



Marcella Hardinger suffered from terrible arthritis pain for years. Recently, she stumbled onto a “relief secret” that has given her a new lease on life. Read her amazing story and discover it for yourself.

don't know where to turn.

My pain is *brutal*. I try many strong “chemical” medications in search of relief. Sometimes *15 pills a day*. But over a long period they can produce many undesirable side-effects. Ulcers, chest pain, internal bleeding and stomach disorders. So I stop.

Dressing in the morning requires *Herculean strength*. I *cannot* even walk the length of the mall. Standing in one spot washing the dishes is *unbearable*. I have 3 flights of stairs in my home. I *cannot* walk up a single one — *all because of the pain!*

Anyway, recently I decide to try an *all natural* homeopathic remedy called Arthritis-Ease™. I'm extremely skeptical, but because I'm so *desperate* I figure, “What can I lose?”

The conclusion? Within several weeks, I notice a *real* difference. Something is *definitely working*. My pain is easing. Feet. Knees. Hips. Upper and lower back. Neck. Everywhere. *Blessed relief.*

I have less inflammation. Less bloating. Less swelling. More mobility. More agility. Do you know what this spells?

L-E-S-S P-A-I-N!

My body seems to dance with joy. And for good reason. I *couldn't* bend or scrub the floors (over, please)

before — from agony.

Now I take a walk. Wash the dishes. Brush my teeth. Get dressed. Open a jar of canned fruit. Apply my makeup. Work in my garden. Best of all . . .

I stride up all 3 flights of stairs — virtually pain free!

So what's the bottom line? Arthritis-Ease™ works for me. I believe in it. 100%. And most importantly . . .

It Can Work for You, Too!

Imagine doing things. Little things: tying your shoe laces. Shaving. Walking. Exercising. Bending. Stretching. Writing. Knitting. Holding a cup. Mowing the lawn. Now imagine doing them *without* squirming. Without *yelping*.

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The fact is, I'm so excited I did some homework on it. Turns out that homeopathic medicine is a science that has flourished in Europe for *two centuries*. It is based on the premise that humans — like animals and plants — have the ability to *self heal*.

Good health depends on a state of balance. When your equilibrium is disturbed, illness results. Samuel Hahnemann, who founded homeopathy 200 years ago, discovered that *minute* doses of substances known to produce certain symptoms can actually *combat* a disease producing the same symptoms. It's mind boggling.

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Arthritis-Ease™ is a 100% *natural* blend of the *highest quality* homeopathic ingredients in an herbal base.

Plus, it comes in capsules. Easy-to-swallow. There's a 30, 60 or 90 day supply. I *strongly* suggest that you start with at least a two month supply, as results vary.

Arthritis-Ease™ is *not* sold in stores. You can only acquire it direct, by mail.

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If this desperate 53 year old Pennsylvania housewife can get safe, gentle arthritis pain relief... *you can, too.*



I have used "Arthritis-Ease" for a couple of months. I have severe osteoarthritis and have had surgery to replace two hips. I'm in my sixties & with the hips replaced I do not have the mobility I had as a young woman. I do have arthritis in other parts of my body also. What I have discovered in taking Arthritis-Ease™ has been that my arthritis pain has been eased, and it also gives me a reason for getting up & a wellness feeling.

Elizabeth Billings, AZ



Thank you for sending Arthritis-Ease™. I've had arthritis in both knees for about 6 years, but since last Christmas it is worse than ever.

I've been taking Anacin and Tylenol for the pain. I don't like Aspirin. Since taking your product I have received blessed relief in my knees.

Sincerely,
Carrie West, IL



I've had arthritis for many years, and when I would sit too long, I could hardly move. When I got up it hurt to move. The short time that I've been on Arthritis-Ease™ I have noticed a big difference. I've started walking again due to the pain relief. I do about a mile and a half, in 35 minutes. I'm glad I found Arthritis-Ease™, and I would recommend it to other sufferers.

Sincerely,
Shirley Mohrman, AZ



Today I'm half way through my 2nd bottle of Arthritis-Ease. My hands are much better-swelling is down, and my movement is improved. We are in the middle of a major snow storm which usually made me worse.

Bill Stark, CO



LYNN SCHWARTZ
Registered Nurse

I just had to write to you. I am a fifty one year old Registered Nurse and have been in Florida for the past 20

years. I have suffered from arthritis for the past 6 years and have been taking prescription drugs — Feldine 20mgs every day along with Axid 150 mgs twice a day.

On June 13, I started taking Arthritis-Ease™ along with my prescription drugs. I continued this regimen for 3 weeks. On July 4, I cut back my Rx medications to three days a week.

On July 18, I stopped taking Rx medications. I can't thank you enough for providing such a simple and inexpensive alternative to Rx drugs. I am feeling better physically. Moreover emotionally things are wonderful. Not taking drugs that are most probably harming other organs in my system has made a great impact in my life.

Lynn Schwartz, Registered Nurse

(Note: Consult your physician before changing any medications.)



When I first received Arthritis-Ease we were out of town, so it was about 3 weeks later before I started using it. After 1 week to 10 days later I became aware that that blasted pain that so much a part of my every-day life was definitely lessened. Then I had knee surgery (arthritis-related) and had to curtail the product. Now I'm back on it (for about a week) and already feeling better again. Being realistic, I know it won't remove the spurs on my hips and knees, but less pain makes living definitely worth-while.

Marion Bullock, AZ



I find Arthritis-Ease™ very, very helpful. I have put aside the prescription tablets I had been taking for pain for quite some time. I recommend "Arthritis Ease™" highly.

Mary Mason, CA



I've been taking Arthritis-Ease™ for about 3 weeks now, and it does seem to help, but if I keep taking it, I'm sure it will help more. I've taken other brands that didn't help me as much as Arthritis-Ease™ has.

For the short time I have taken it, I have experienced relief in the lower back & shoulders. I'm going to go back to bowling and some golf as I'm feeling better.

Robert DeLow, AZ



Gentlemen:

Enclosed is my check for the shipment of Arthritis-Ease™. I would appreciate a rush on this order as soon as possible because I do have several people that want to

try your product.

I have been using Arthritis-Ease™ now for about 5 weeks and it is helping me very much. I practice Reflexology and serve a lot of people with arthritis and I know that I can do justice to the product.

Thank you,

Everett B. Peck, ID



Since I started using Arthritis-Ease™, it's been helping me with my pains in my legs and shoulders. I do have arthritis, but now the pain isn't as bad as before I started using it. I feel a lot better now, and I will be ordering again.

You can use my name but I don't want you to use my home address, I don't want people writing to me.

Ida Malwitz, CA



MALCOLM JANET

Registered Pharmacist

I own a small pharmacy in California. I'd like to share an interesting story with you; Bill, a customer and friend called me, close to tears, having tried arthritis pain medications-- none of which helped. He said, "Malcolm, please help

me. Isn't there any other medications we can try?" I could sense his desperation.

That's when I remembered an advertisement for Arthritis-Ease™ and wondered if it might work for Bill. Because Bill was such a good customer and a long time friend, I sent away for 4 bottles.

I gave him two bottles, as that is what is suggested for a fair test. I gave the other two bottles to Wayne, another arthritis customer of mine.

Several weeks later, when I had completely forgotten about this, Bill came into my store and wanted to hug me. I'm quite serious. He was over the moon with joy and explained that nothing, in all the years, had ever helped to bring him this much relief.

In addition, Wayne called me on the telephone also ecstatic with the results.

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U NWILLING TO stand idly by while VA succumbs to the "benign neglect" of Washington bureaucrats, The American Legion has taken the initiative in drafting groundbreaking legislation aimed at giving all veterans and their dependents access to health care. In fact, Legion insiders believe that the proposed legislation, the Veterans Health Care Security Act of 1995, may turn out to be as historic as the GI Bill.

The act was passed as Res. 141 at the Legion's National Convention in Indianapolis, Aug. 31-Sept. 6.

According to Chet Stellar, chairman of the Legion's Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission, the current budget-cutting furor in Congress made VA a ripe, juicy target, and even though on paper there appears to be an increase in VA's health-care budget for fiscal year 1996, the increase came at the expense of other VA programs.

"The writing is on the wall," says Stellar, who adds that the Legion must

"act now and offer Congress an alternative to decimating VA." National Adjutant Robert W. Spanogle echoes Stellar's thoughts, saying, "We do not have the option to do nothing."

The Security Act would provide all veterans access to the VA system regardless of income or disability status. To achieve this, the draft bill has two key provisions. The first calls for Congress to allow VA to keep monies received from third-party payers, which under the present system are channeled into the general treasury. Actually, 75 percent of all sums received by VA clinics and hospitals would remain with the local facilities that collected them. The rest would be returned to VA itself to defray administrative costs. This "recaptured" revenue, currently \$600 million, is projected to reach \$1 billion within five years. The bill also seeks to peg federal appropriations for VA to the actual cost of treating service-connected and other veterans who receive care at no charge.

The second, even bolder provision

would reorganize VA under the HMO "pre-paid" model, with the understanding that no veteran with a service-connected disability would forfeit any of the benefits he or she currently enjoys. For example, disabled veterans rated at 50 percent or more will not be assessed any fees and will continue to have full access to all VA services. Nonservice-connected veterans and dependents of all veterans would be allowed to "buy into" the plan at rates competitive in the HMO market; however, the actual case-by-case premiums would be assessed on a sliding scale according to such factors as income and disability rating.

Stellar says passage of the Security Act should ensure VA's fiscal health. If the bill doesn't pass, VA may lose as many as 43 hospitals in the next five years—and more than 1 million veterans may be turned out of the system.

Regardless of the bill's reception on the Hill, expect loud opposition from the powerful insurance lobby, which may see its industry as the big loser in any VA restructuring.

Too Many, Too Late

Add another setback to the long-standing plight of radiation-exposed veterans whose children suffer from birth defects. Legislation co-sponsored by Sens. Paul Wellstone of Minnesota and John "Jay" Rockefeller of West Virginia called for a panel of experts to determine the feasibility of studying the link between birth defects and atomic radiation. Now, the panel has concluded that no such study can be done. The experts said too much time had elapsed, too many people would be required, and—no surprise here—it would cost too much.

If this arouses a vague sense of déjà vu, it may be because government experts gave similar reasons for quashing studies on atomic veterans and downwinders during congressional hearings...back in 1979.

More Dismay at BVA

Some 2,200 veterans and their claims representatives have been noti-

fied by VA that their case files may have been altered. This announcement follows reports that the second Board of Veterans Appeals (BVA) attorney under investigation by the Department of Justice pled guilty to charges of forging or tampering with veterans' claims files.

Jill Rygwalski, a five-year BVA employee, is likely to draw a sentence similar to that of Lawrence Gottfried, convicted late last year. Gottfried was fined \$42,000 and sentenced to 15 months in federal prison. A BVA spokesman said he expects both attorneys to be disbarred as well.

Suits The Brits

Two years after denying that there were any sick Gulf War veterans in Great Britain, the British Ministry of Defense now says that about 40 percent of those sick Gulf veterans it didn't used to have are suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. The other 60 percent are suffering from—well,

other stuff.

Even Parliament appears to be scratching its royal head over the report. Three members of the British legislative body have visited the United States to gain more information on the mysterious illnesses; included were meetings with members of The American Legion Washington staff. This took place as new reports of Gulf illnesses surfaced in Australia, New Zealand and Canada.

Parliament is also bracing itself because apparently some 600 Gulf veterans are not only sick, but sick and tired: They plan to bring legal action against the government.

Meanwhile, the Pentagon has its own embarrassing problems with the Gulf War. In September, *U.S. News and World Report* accused DoD of concealing reports that confirmed the presence of chemical and biological weapons in Iraq—the same claim made by THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE back in January 1995. □

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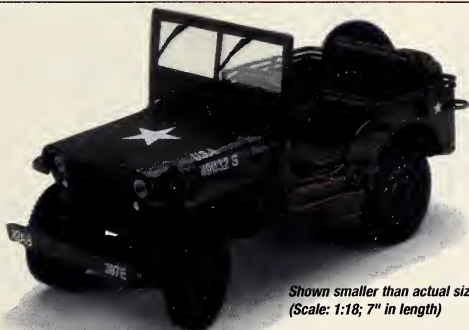
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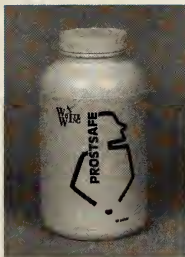
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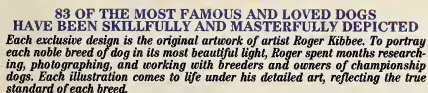
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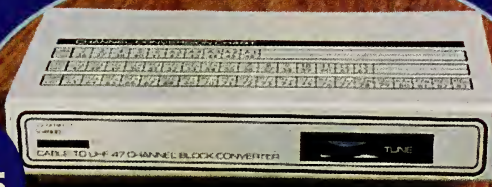
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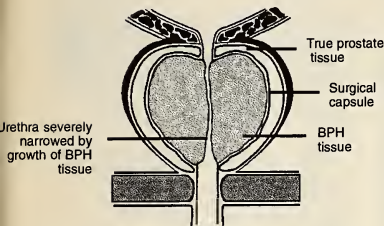
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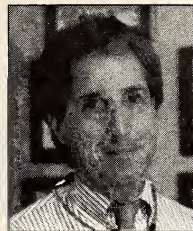
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for the community. Yes, there is care for others at AA or a New Age encounter group, but it does not go beyond the circle of people in the room.

Q. Critics say you overlook the question of changing tastes—that some groups may have falling memberships because they are passé.

A. There is a problem in our nation and the best single statistic for capturing it isn't the membership of any particular group. It's measurements of social trust: "Do you trust other people?" A generation ago, when Americans were asked that, two-thirds said yes. Today, if you ask Americans the same question, two-thirds of us say no. That is a serious social issue. It simply is a lot easier to become paranoid about people you don't know.

The fact that we don't know our neighbors as well as our parents did is

why we are less trustful.

Q. Hasn't our distrust of government also soared?

A. Right. The proportion of Americans who say they trust the government in Washington only "some of the time" or "almost never" rose from 30 percent in 1965 to 75 percent in 1992. This has been paralleled by a steep decline in voter turnout: From the 1960s to today, nearly a quarter of Americans have forsaken their parents' readiness to engage in this simple act of citizenship.

Here's a telling statistic: From 1973 to 1993, the number of Americans who had attended a public meeting on local affairs "in the past year" fell from 22 percent to just 13 percent.

Q. Roll back the clock: Why in the first place did we form the many groups and civic associations that dot the national landscape?

A. Between 1865 to 1890, America went through massive social changes. The Industrial Revolution meant that the blacksmith shop was replaced by U.S. Steel and the corner variety store was replaced by Sears. This revolution—both in economics and demographics—rendered obsolete

a whole set of connections people had. They had left them behind on the farm in Iowa when they moved to Chicago or they had left them in Italy when they sailed to the United States. Then, in a brief period of time, there was a remarkable burst of inventiveness that produced a whole new set of civic organizations—the Boy Scouts, YMCA, garden clubs. They were able to figure out how to craft settings in which people could reconnect with one another because that is what occurred in the garden clubs and The American Legion.

Q. So, what's changed? Why are we now a nation that bowls alone?

A. I put a lot of the blame on television. Each hour you sit in front of a TV increases your chances of not being connected with the rest of society. Also, the more television you watch, the more suspicion you are of others. But TV is not the whole answer—the two-career family has also played a big role.

Q. How has the two-career family—the flood of women entering the workforce—led to a decline in our civic involvement?

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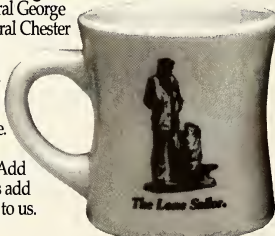
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Most of all, the Medal of Honor winners take care not to brag about their feats or glorify war. Instead, each cautions his youthful audiences that they too may be called upon to make similar sacrifices—sacrifices which may require an effort above and beyond the call of duty.

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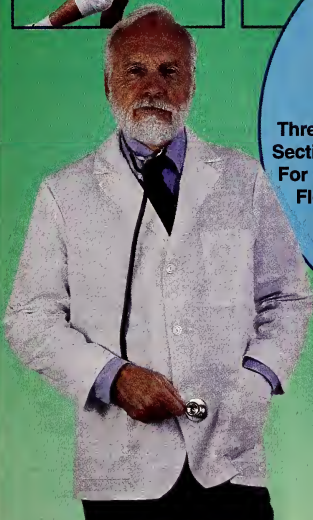
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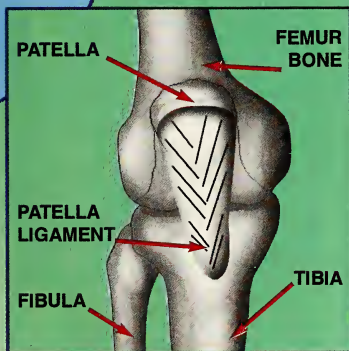
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Hammons' private areas. I consoled myself with the thought that if that was the worst thing that happened on this mission, we could all count ourselves lucky.

Four days passed before we finally made contact with Charlie. It wasn't much of a firefight compared to some others I'd been in. In fact, had we not

called in for artillery support, we might not have suffered any casualties. As luck would have it, a round fell short.

As we lined the dry, dusty trail that snaked through the field of elephant grass, the word came back through the column: One dead, two wounded.

I immediately thought about the chances of one of the five of us being the KIA. Since it wasn't me, I knew that dropped the odds to just four out of 30. *Less than one in seven*, I reassured myself. As we closed up around the injured to provide security for the

medivac we had called for, I suddenly saw the body in front of me.

I reached down and lifted the poncho laying over it. A quick, two-second look told me that in a hell-hole like this, the odds didn't always pay off, even when they seemed solidly in your favor.

Here, truly in the "valley of the shadow of death," lay a man I had lived with for over a year but didn't even know. Not really. The only thing I knew for certain was that it shouldn't have been him; it didn't seem fair. But who ever said war was fair?

Walking away, I suddenly remembered what day it was—April Fool's, the first day of our 14th month. Under that poncho was a man who had weathered his entire 13-month tour without a scratch, surviving many fire-fights with the VC. But he had lost it all on borrowed time, to friendly fire.

A week later I went back to the States. I never saw our platoon commander again, but I have often thought about him in the years since. I wonder whether he ever lost any sleep over sending us on that final mission. I wonder if he's convinced he did what was right. I wonder if he still remembers that day, or if it even has any meaning to him.

Can he forgive himself? Does he even have to? In retrospect, I now can see that being in the position of making the decisions isn't everything it's cracked up to be. He was new and inexperienced—and scared, no doubt.

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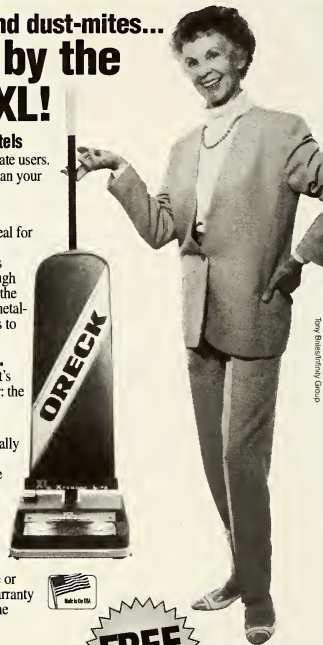
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A. I want to be careful about this. I am not saying it is my daughter's fault that she is getting professional training with the aim of pursuing a career. But I am saying this: Our mothers were doing really productive things even though they weren't working outside the home. Among other tasks, they were maintaining the whole family's social calendar and connections. And over the past generation we have taken one-third of all adults in America off the task of social connectedness and we have put them on a different set of tasks in the workplace. But nobody is doing the things our mothers did.

Q. Why do so few people seem to notice that we're missing something important?

A. Recognition is growing. I recently saw a survey that asked questions, such as "compare your car to the car your parents owned when they were your age." For 28 of 30 items, most Americans say they are living better than their parents. We say our cars are better, our houses are bigger, and so forth. Then there was a last question in this survey: "Compare your level of happiness to your parents when they were your age." Most Americans say their parents were happier. What this reflects is our belief that we are doing fine in terms of our private, material issues. But in terms of our public setting—our connections with our community and our neighbors—we think America has gotten worse.

Q. Are our pervasive social problems linked to our loss of community involvement?

A. Absolutely! This is true for teenage pregnancy, drug addiction—certainly for crime. For instance, the best predictor of a community's crime rate is knowing your neighbors by name. What's more, as crime increases, neighbors become even more distrustful of each other.

Q. Are you optimistic that we can rebuild our social connectedness?

A. Yes. But it took us 30 years to get here, and I believe it will take us a decade or so to figure out the solutions. I want to be clear that I am not saying, OK, let's return to the

1950s and we will all be happier. Nor am I saying, let's turn off the TVs, and women, please get back into the homes. But we have lost things that we oughtn't have.

Q. How will we rebuild our lost sense of community?

A. Someone has to invent the 21st century equivalent of the YMCA. I'm not saying there literally will be another YMCA. What there needs to be are new forms that will let us con-

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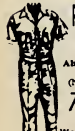
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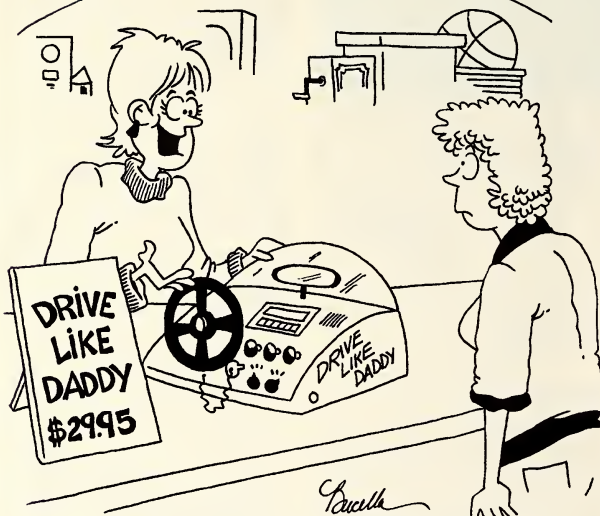
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"It comes with four AA batteries and a complete list of swear words."

Gavel Gaffes

Heard in some state legislatures:
"You've got to stop milking that dead horse."

"To hell with the public, I'm here to represent the people."

"I think I know more about this bill than I understand."

"Anyone can pass a good bill; it is really hard to get a bad bill passed."

Crime Computing

Banks in New York City are now making it possible to buy and sell stock using their ATM machines—now muggers have a chance to diversify their portfolios.

E-Z 2 Lose

Ever wonder why it's called the 1040 form? It's because for every \$50 you earn, the IRS gets \$40 and you can keep \$10.

Fine Time

A rich woman was walking down the street feeling generous, so she gave a beggar 50 cents. "There, it makes me feel really good to give you that," she said.

The beggar looked at the two quarters and said, "Give me \$10, ma'am, and you can feel great!"

Finished Line

Jim and Slim spent all their money on a race horse, hoping to cash in on the winnings. The result was a disaster, and both were disgusted with the horse.

"Let's throw him in the river," said Jim.

"Oh, don't waste your time," said Slim. "We'll just run away from him."

Kings Of Congress

For some congressmen, calling for term limits is like Henry VIII calling for monogamy.

Short-Term Prescription

Donna looked a little uncomfortable leaving the doctor's office. Her friend, Maggie, asked what was wrong.

"The doctor says I will have to take this medication for the rest of my life," replied Donna. "But it's only a two-week supply."

Phone Purpose

This is a recording on the New Jersey post office answering machine: "You have reached the Newark Main Post Office, either purposely or inadvertently."

The Bells Of Democracy

"Our political institutions work remarkably well. They are designed to clang against each other. The noise is democracy at work."

—Michael Novak

Knowing No Comment

Overheard at a CIA press conference: "We try to anticipate some of your questions so that we can respond 'no comment' with some degree of knowledge."

Repossessions

Beware the person who reminds you that you can't take it with you. He'll try to take it with him.

The Cheap Seats

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